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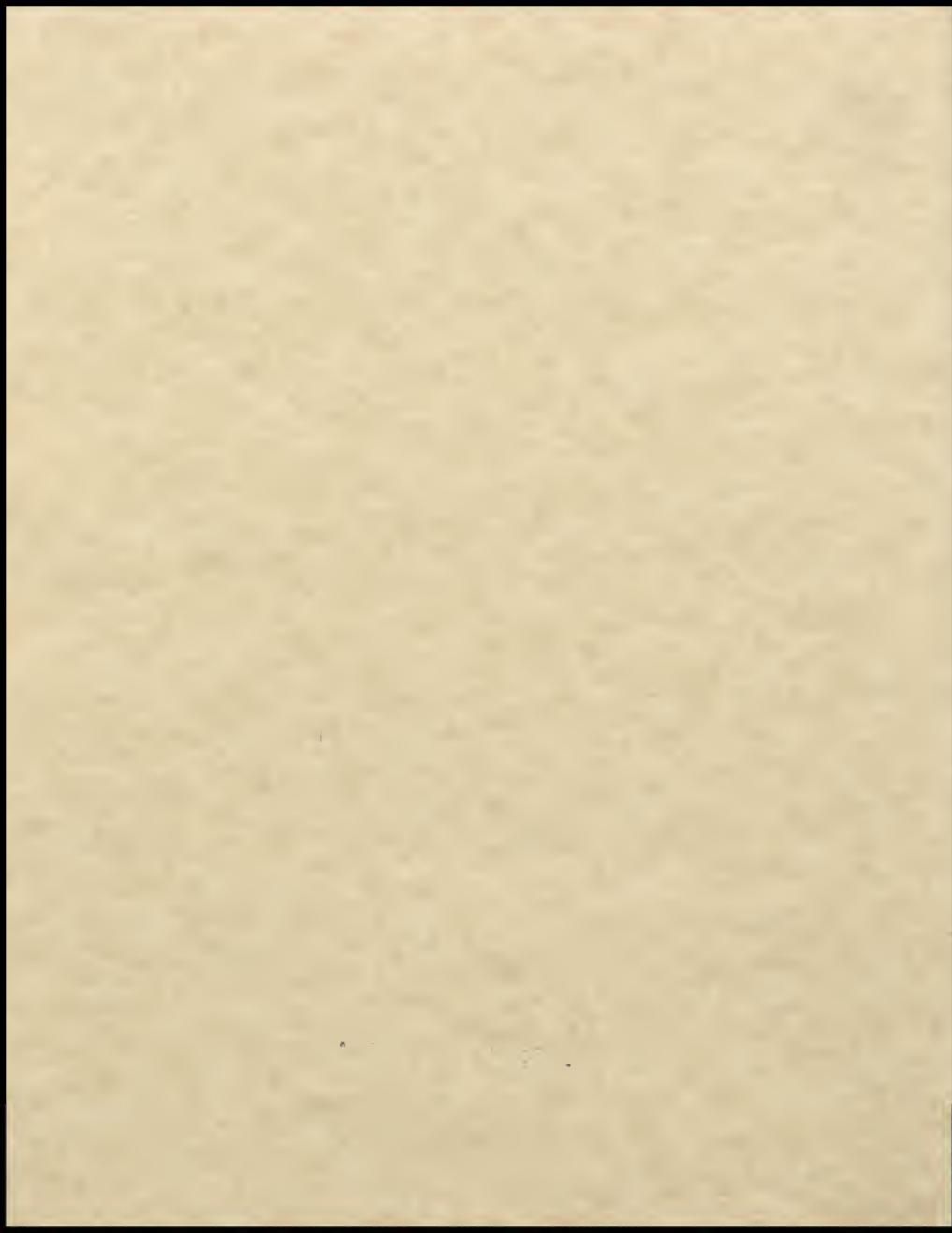
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ALTHOUGH THIS PHOTO is from the 1979 Key, the school entrance didn't change much since it was built in 1966. That changed in the summer of 2003 when the school board decided to begin new construction in a major renovation project. Say hello to a bigger new school and goodbye to the old school.

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Phase 1 marked the beginning of a major renovation project planned for completion by the start of the 2005 school year. In August the students were supposed to be greeted with a new front entrance. Due to weather delays during the summer, the entrance was not finished by the time students returned to school. Instead, students walked through the newly finished front entrance in December.

Phase 2 was scheduled to start in the Spring. It included a new field house, auditorium, cafeteria, and a complete over-haul of all classrooms.

"The front entrance is just one of many changes to the school... basically it will be a new school," new security officer Al Sincavage said. This just went to show we're not the same **OLD SCHOOL**.



#### CHANGING ROOM

Sam Van Lear stores recreational equipment in the "weathered steel" lockers before volleyball practice. Athletes found the new lockerrooms upon their return to school as part of the Phase 1 renovations.



### THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

A student-faculty donkey basketball game entertained students in earlier times. Covered in the 1977 Key, the original caption read, "Craig Taylor giving his donkey a bit of advice and the old 'evil eye,'" although the situational context is no longer very clear.

Photo from the 1977 Key



### SAFETY FIRST

Taking the newly-created position of "Attendance and Security Officer," Al Sincavage represents the school's new focus on safety issues. He replaced James Hunley as attendance officer and was responsible for monitoring building security and student behavior.

### A PASSING FANCY?

As people pass the school they notice new piles of dirt and metal bars in the front of the building and on its roof as remodeling begins. After some delay, the new entrance opened in December.

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## JUST THE SAME SCHOOL

While the builders worked outside, things moved at a familiar pace inside. Classes got under way on time despite the occasional disruptions created by workers and their occasionally bone-rattling banging and clanking while they worked on the roof.

Students were upset to find the soda sales policy changed. No longer could students buy pop in the cafeteria or at certain times in the candy commons. Parents as well as students were upset with a new \$30 transportation fee. Another new face for the students to deal with was the new nurse. Heather Lint, R.N., had to learn to cope with the many types of injuries that could come in at anytime, by any one of the students. There may have been changes on the surface; but deep inside we were just the same **OLD SCHOOL**.



### NEW SCHOOL

Joanna Hamlet and Melanie Rosinko work on the Dreamweaver web design software for Suzanne Demond's marketing class. Despite some frustration, they still managed to have a few laughs.



#### STATE OF THE ART

One of the first computers in the school, a Commodore Pet, represents cutting edge technology in 1982. The monitor displayed images in low-resolution green monochrome, "word processing" was a new concept to students, and most tasks required students to write their own programs as demonstrated by Charles Thornburg in this vintage photo.

Photo from 1982 Key



#### MODERN TEACHING

English Teacher Brett Wright checks attendance before starting his exhilarating speech on the book, *Animal Farm*. The classic novel has been in the curriculum for many years.

#### OPENING NEW WOUNDS

Just to liven up the day, student Nick Whifford fakes a bloody wound to test the new nurse, Heather Lint. She took the prank good heartedly.

### ROLLIN' ON

Seniors Dave Ploetz and Owen Goff impress the crowd with their newly-acquired Wheelbarrow Race skills. Unfortunately for them, the junior class edged them out for the win.



"Every new experience adds to the chain of memories of everyone that it touches. I may have new responsibilities to deal with everyday; but I will always make time for my friends," senior Tiffany Barker said when asked, "What's New With You?"

Something new for you was a cafeteria, scheduled for construction in the Spring. No longer would students sit in the hallways due to lack of tables and chairs. Also, a new "Touch-and-Go" fingerprint recognition system speeded the process of buying lunch.

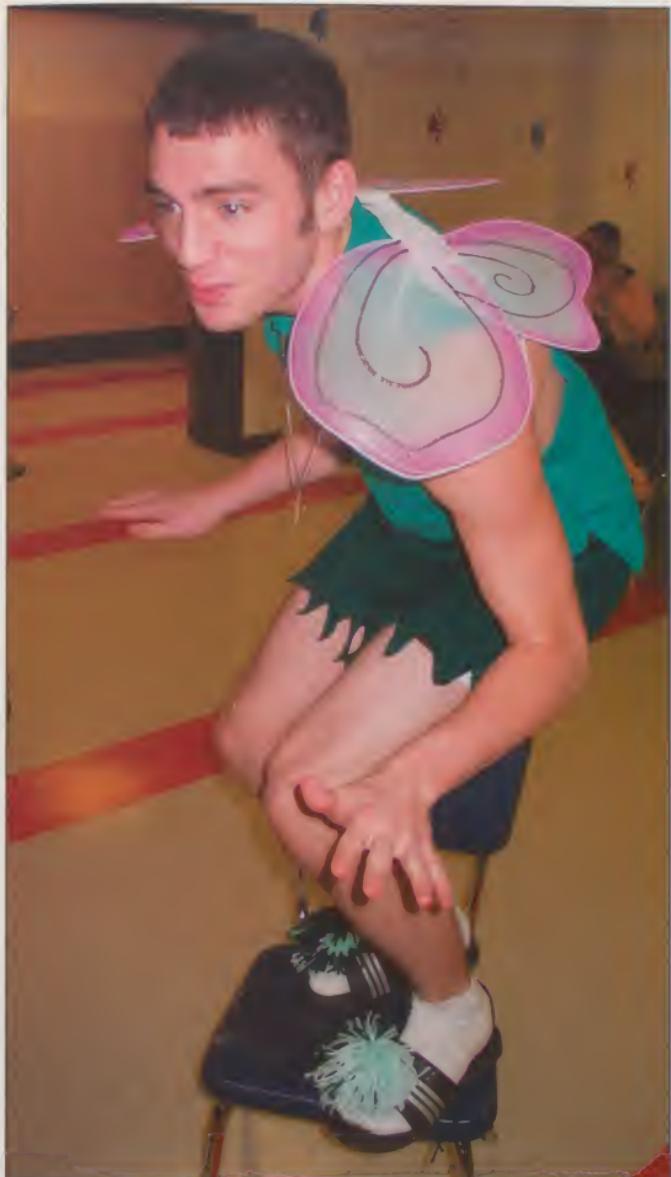
# new WHAT'S WITH YOU?

Spirit Games remained one of the favorite social events, while Homecoming lived up to its tradition as a formal, but fun night. The gym was packed with people who danced the heels off their dress shoes. It also was the first formal of the year, so it was a chance for everyone to show what was new in high-class style.

### CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

With couples and friends dancing to the loud music, Jill McElmurry and Randy Rohm try to carry on a conversation, but neither could understand the other. It was a chance to show off their new formal attire at the Homecoming Dance.





#### HEROIC FIGURE

"What I don't understand is why Tinkerbell has fairy dust when she's obviously a pixie," Scott Deatherage said of his "Superhero" dress-up day costume.

**THREE'S A CROWN**  
Scott Deathrage, Amanda Wendlinger, and Wyatt Vukobratovich get in for a picture as Scott wears the crown won earlier by Wyatt.

*classic moments*

## WELCOME HOME

By April Barnes • Photos by Jocé Pitifer • Layout by Nick Whitfield

After a victory against Washington Twp., the PCC Keg finally came home to Hanover. The boys' varsity basketball team celebrated their victory at the dance by hoisting teammate Jake Rush onto their shoulders and the whole team paraded around the dancing couples, cheering as Rush waved the Keg over the top of his head. This little spectacle seemed to excite everyone who attended Homecoming.

Megan McGovern was crowned Homecoming Queen with Wyatt Vukobratovich as king. "I was really surprised that I had gotten Homecoming King. I thought I had no chance at all," Vukobratovich said. "I was a little disappointed though; the crown was way too small." McGovern said, "I was extremely shocked; there were a lot of amazing girls that could have gotten queen. I was just really amazed."

The king and queen were in high spirits the entire night and the joy spread. Practically everyone joined a conga line, Wyatt and Megan shared the spotlight dance, and the boys' basketball team won the Homecoming game and PCC Keg all in one night. It didn't get any better than this.

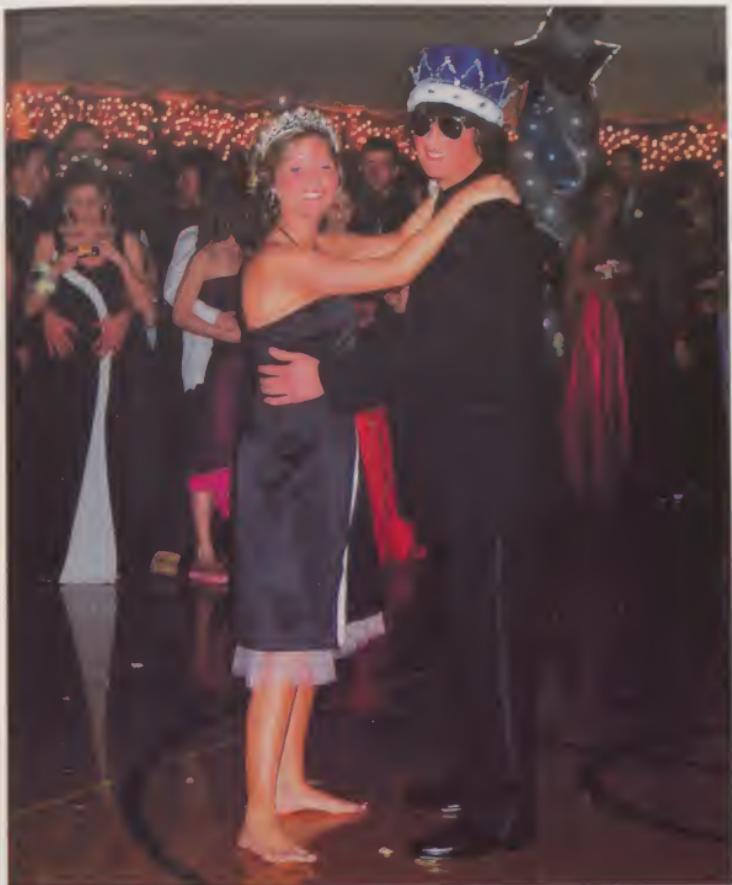


**JOANNA HAMLETT AND JASMINE JAMES STOP BEFORE GOING BACK TO THE DANCE FLOOR.**  
JOANNA SAID, "(THE) HOMECOMING DANCE WAS PRETTY GOOD EXCEPT FOR THE DJ. YOU CAN'T DANCE TO METALLICA."



### TIME OUT

Tiffany Skorupa, Heather Rebenack, Tracy Van Gundy, Kelly Raugh, and Christie Wick enjoy most of the Homecoming evening. Van Gundy said, however, "This year's DJ was horrible. How do you dance to Metallica?"



#### ROYAL MAGIC

Megan McGovern and Wyatt Vukobratovich are crowned king and queen of the homecoming dance. Both said they were happily surprised by the choice.

#### CLOSE TO YOU

Jaclyn Kienzle and Josh Wilson sit down for a picture before getting some food from the snack bar. Jaclyn and Josh had a pretty good time at Homecoming.



#### SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

Wyatt Vukobratovich, Jason Metz, and T.J. Remec shake their boofies on the dance floor. All of them are good friends and hung out after the dance.



#### WILD THING

Danny Watt shakes his tall feather while people cheer him on. The variety of music gave everyone a chance to dance in their favorite fashion.

*spirited moments*

## NOT 'SHORT' ON SPIRIT

By Sora Kerrick • Photos by Jace Pflifer, April Barnes • Layout by Mike Dobin

Most people on a scavenger hunt don't expect to lose their shorts, but that's what happened to seniors Doug Bilinski and Owen Goff. When one of the items needed was two pairs of red shorts, there was no stopping Doug and Owen from standing in front of the whole school in their boxers to win the game. The crowd also was thrilled to see that they had another pair of boxers on underneath.

In the beginning of the balloon pop, the juniors and the seniors ganged up on the freshmen and the sophomores. From there on, the remaining teams concentrated on their own balloons hoping that their class would win. Toward the end of the game there were four seniors and one junior left. The junior, Mike Dobin, tried his best to win, but couldn't last against the four seniors.

Freshmen were excited to join in their first Spirit Games. Sam Camus said, "I loved dressing up and seeing everyone else dress up. The games were a lot of fun too. And I like the competitiveness. I really enjoyed my first year in the Spirit Games!"



SENIORS DOUG BILINSKI AND ADAM SUAREZ SUPPORT THEIR CLASS ALL WEEK BY DOING SOMETHING FOR EACH DAY AND DRESSING UP AS SUPERMAN AND A POM CAT ON "SUPERHERO-COSTUME" DRESS-UP DAY.

### CIRCLE OF LIFE

The seniors came in first place in the Hula-Pass game. The key to their victory was stocking the team with people that were the same height. The senior team consisted of Shannon Phillips, Jaclyn Kienzle, Stacey Huppenthal, Kelly Raugh, Krystal Reh, Megan McGovern, and Danielle Higby. With everyone the same height, it was easier to pass the Hula-Hoop without breaking hands.



### THIS MAKES FOR SORE LOSERS

In the balloon stomp game it's every person for themselves. The seniors and the juniors paired up to get rid of the sophomores and the freshman players before turning on each other. Junior Mike Dobin tries to sneak up on senior Adam Suarez, while seniors Mike Mitchell and Chris Bohling sneak up on him and try to pop his balloon.



#### MUSICAL CHAIRS PRIDE

Even though it was only an early round of musical chairs competition, John Benson was overly enthused that he beat the crowd and was able to get into a seat. As fate would have it, though, he was eliminated in a later round.



#### 'SHORT' ON TIME

The scavenger hunt gave everyone in the stands a chance to participate, while senior class runner Mike Mitchell collects items called out by the student council. Liz Bilinski smiled as classmates Owen Goff and Doug Bilinski each pulled off a pair of gym shorts sporting their boxers from underneath. The seniors obviously had advance notice of the items as they often produced an item even before it was announced.

#### WRAPPED IN SPIRIT

What could be more fun than running around in circles while wrapping other people in toilet paper? Not much considering the junior class made it a very close game, even though the seniors still won. Senior runners included Brian Gley, Doug Bilinski, Ed Favola, and Billy Rickey. They ran around the outside while Courtney Kellman, Rachel May, Leslie Mallik, and Desiree Schilling stood in the middle of the toilet paper mass.

## *glamorous moments*

### QUICK CHANGE

Stacey Huppenthal gets ready for the next part of the program after finishing her talent segment. Her "L-O-V-E" song entertained a capacity crowd.



COURTNEY KEILMAN LOOSENS UP WITH A LITTLE TANGO BEFORE PRACTICE. SHE WAS AWARDED SECOND RUNNER-UP IN THE COMPETITION.

## STAR POWER

By April Barnes • Photos & Layout by Jace Pittler, Mike Dobin

The night was studded with all the glamorous stars from Connie Brownd to Heather Vulefitch. All right, they may not be the glamorous stars of Hollywood, but all the beautiful young women sure did look the part. The enthusiastic ladies practiced early in the morning for their time to shine in the spotlight. They practiced everything from their talent to their choreography.

Now it was their night to take the stage. When Courtney Keilman was asked to recall her most memorable moment from Junior Miss, she chuckled a bit and said it was, "probably when Mrs. (Marilyn) Kaper was giving us foot massages and we were all sitting around and talking after practicing for a month." Katie Westerhoff admitted, "My most memorable moment was probably having to do pushups in front of everybody. It was embarrassing."

Just like everything else, the pageant had to come to an end. When it did, Katie Westerhoff was crowned Cedar Lake 2003 Junior Miss. Courtney Keilman earned first runner-up and Jaclyn Kienzle received second runner-up honors. Stacey Huppenthal won the Poise and Appearance competition, Rachel May won in Performing Arts, Jaclyn Kienzle won second runner-up and Creative Arts, Katie Westerhoff not only won the whole thing, but also the Fitness category, Courtney Keilman won first runner-up and Scholastic Achievement, Megan Meyer won the judge interview, and Randy Rohm won Mia Johnson Spirit of Junior Miss.

"I think it was worth it and a lot of fun," Westerhoff said, "and there was a lot of stress that you may not realize you're going to have to deal with." Courtney Keilman added, "I think it's a great program and it's a lot of fun."



#### THE ARTIST

Jaclyn Kienzle poses after the pageant's talent segment. She placed second in Junior Miss and won an \$800 scholarship.



#### THE WAVE

Rachael May was friendly, even at early morning practices. The almost daily 6:00 a.m. sessions were long and tiring for the girls.

#### JUNIOR MISS

Katie Westerhoff waits for practice to begin. She was crowned Junior Miss for the competition and won scholarship money for her overall performance.

#### THE CONTESTANTS

**Front:** Randal Rohm and Joclyn Kienzle. **Middle:** Courtney Keilmon, Stacey Huppenthal, Megan Myers, and Connie Brown. **Back:** Rachael May, Kristin James, Sarah Fisher, and Katie Westerhoff.



## SIZE MATTERS

By Ashley Hostetter • Photos by Sean Mitchell • Layout by Jace Pitifer

She wasn't your typical Bears opponent, but business teacher Suzanne Demond said, "The game between the Bears and faculty was a blast. It was enjoyable to meet the players and fun for the students to see the teachers' 'attempt' to play basketball."

"They are big and strong athletes and I'm glad I didn't get hurt!" exclaimed phys ed teacher Ron Szanyi. "I enjoyed my time playing. It was neat for them to come and help us raise money for Key Club."

Band director John Gorball said he was glad the Pep Band played, adding to the evening. "I would be glad to go out there and support the staff, but not play again," Gorball said.

Custodian Mary Anderson said, "This was my second year playing the Bears. It is a real blast getting up close to the players—they're a lot bigger in real life."

"Playing against the Bears is all about entertaining the crowd and having fun," Kelly York said.



ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T REALLY NEED IT, BEARS VETERAN OTIS WILSON WARMS UP BEFORE THE GAME.

### FOUR FEARSOBEARS

Robert Johnson, Jerry Azumah, Bobby Gray, and Marty Booker put on their game faces and line up for a group picture. Intimidating in size, they were fun-filled gentlemen on the court.

### RETIRED BUT NOT TIRED

Jerry Azumah, recently retired, was a cornerback. The 5-10, 205-lb, 24-year-old attended Fresno State University.



### BRUSH WITH GREATNESS

Faculty and staff prepare for the game. Though an agreement with the Bears meant they didn't really have a chance to win, it was a chance to get "up close and personal" with the Bears.



#### SUPER SHUFFLE

Marty Booker demonstrates the Superbowl Shuffle to a crowd of laughing Bears fans. Booker wasn't part of the '85 Bears team that won the world title, but the dance lives on as a Bears tradition.

#### A BIG SOUND

Members of the Sound Express swing choir prepare to sing the national anthem prior to the game. It was one of many events in which the group appeared.

#### **BEARLY READY**

Marty Booker, Otis Wilson, and Lance Briggs have played in charity games for several years, but still talk a little strategy before taking on the Wildcats staff.



#### **BIG MAN ON CAMPUS**

Robert Johnson is a tight end, 6-6, weighs 270 pounds. He is 22 years old and attended Auburn University. He retrieves the ball after a shot that he did not make.

#### **SECOND WIND**

Chris Chandler, Bobby Gray, Jerry Azumah, and Ron Szanyi get ready to play in the beginning of the third quarter.



## POWER PLAYERS

Lance Briggs, a retired 6'0", 242-pound linebacker attended Arizona State University. Bobby Gray, a center at 6'0", 205-pounds with two years experience, attended Louisiana Tech. Their teammate, Marty Booker still plays as a wide receiver. He is 6'0", and 210 pounds, with five years of experience. He attended Northeast Louisiana University.



## CROWD PLEASERS

Jerry Azumah and Bobby Gray warm up before the game. Afterward, the Bears stayed to sign autographs for local fans.

*grin and bear it*

## LOTS OF PROS

By Sharon Kerick • Photos by Sean Mitchell • Layout by Jace Pittler

The third annual Bears-Faculty game didn't disappoint. "As always, the game was very entertaining," coach Chris York said. "It's always neat to compete with professional athletes, even if it's just to have a good time."

"It was enjoyable. Making money for a worthwhile cause," said office secretary Sue Starn.

Social Studies teacher Greg Whitacre said, "Well, you know I can't play, so I figure perhaps I can entertain, also by making the kids laugh and have a good time. And it's kind of cool for my grandson to be able to say, my grandpa wrestled with Marty Booker and Jerry Azumah."

Amanda Wendlinger said, "I had a great time at the Bears game and I thought it was a really good fundraiser. It's funny to watch all the teachers play. The best part was when they broke the rim."



BOBBY GRAY TAKES A JUMP SHOT TO END THE PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES.

*A 'prom'-ising start*

## CATCHING A MOMENT

By Heather Vulefitch • Photos by Sean Mitchell

Just walking through the doors of the St. Elijah Serbian-American Hall everybody could see that it was going to be a wonderful night. Each table was nicely decorated with mugs for the guys, wine glasses for the ladies, picture frames, and little gift bags full of goodies with the theme on them, "Catch A Falling Star."

The DJ started out with nice dinner music, which quickly changed into dance music as people began to finish eating. Megan McGovern and Chris Bohling were crowned prom king and queen towards the end of the night.

Rachel Williams said, "Prom 2004 was a romantic and entertaining night that I'll remember for years to come..."



MATT MICHALSKI AND CHRISTINA SHELTON POSE TOGETHER FOR A PICTURE BEFORE THEY GO AND HAVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL PHOTO TAKEN.

### PICTURE PERFECT

Dancing can spell disaster for a girl's hair on prom night. That wasn't true for Jenna Osting in her picture with David Poetz without a single strand of hair out of place.



### DINNER AND A DANCE

A lot of dancing on a full stomach isn't always a good idea. Tiffany Barker and her boyfriend, Trent Neal, sit out the next dance to rest their feet and stomachs.

### FIRST CLASS

There are always those few people that go all-out for prom night and get a limousine. Scott Deatherage, Amanda Wendlinger, Larry Pempek, and Adam Suarez arrive in style.

Photo courtesy of Amanda Wendlinger



#### ROYALTY REIGNS

The crowning of Prom King and Queen is one of the most important parts of the special night. As Chris Bohling and Megan McGovern were crowned king and queen, the whole crowd cheered in sheer delight.

#### SAVING GRACE

Ryan May tries to pull Shannon Phillips toward him so they can take a picture. In the process May almost pulled Phillips off her chair, but he still caught her in time.



#### READY TO ROCK

Pre-dancing time is always the best time to get a picture. Both Brian Gley and Andria Trock pose for a picture just second before they headed off to the dance floor to show off their killer moves.

## IT'S GOOD TO BE KING

Chris Bahling is all smiles just after being named prom king. Bohling and Amanda Wendlinger paused for just a moment from dancing to take a picture.

Photo courtesy of Amanda Wendlinger

## GETTING CARRIED AWAY

Just after their dates took group pictures of everyone's garters, the guys decided they wanted to take a group picture of their own. Trent Neal, Josh Deenik, Aaron Wiening, and Brian Gley have a little fun for the photo.



## RIDING IN STYLE

The night had come to an end and many of the people were extremely tired. Sara Kerick and boyfriend, Nate Cripe, have a picture taken as they relax in their limo on the ride home.



## CURVE APPEAL

One of the main accessories for prom are the girls' garters. It's only fair that they show them off. Ashley Hayden, Darlene Muncy, Heather Iwinski, Leeanne Ogle, Jessica Douglas, Terri Houldeson, and Rachel Rebenack show off their garters.



## BEAUTIFUL BALLROOM

It's always fun just standing back and seeing how differently people dance. Prom night was no exception in this matter as people crowded the dance floor.



## NOT A NEW TRADITION

About ten minutes or so after the crowning of king and queen, six guys ran through the dancing crowd. Traditionally they would have been streaking, but they actually had track shorts on instead of their dress pants. Scott Deatherage, Owen Goff, Kris Stojanovski, Tim Scherer, Tom York, and Scott Garry pose together with Queen Megan McGavern.

*Absolutely 'awesome'*

## THE CLASS SHOWS

By Heather Vuleich • Photos by Sean Mitchell

"Prom 2004...what can I say!? It was the most fun I've had in a long time. Everything seemed to be perfect. The DJ was really nice about playing our requests, the dinner was awesome, and the decorations were just beautiful. I can't wait until next year. Hopefully it's just as entreat-ing!" said Kelly Lapota.

The purple and silver memories were etched in memory for a lifetime. The seniors had kind words for the junior class sponsors and officers.

"Thank you Class of 2005 and Mrs. Darnell for the wonderful evening that none of us will ever forget!" —Class of 2004.



JUST AFTER ARRIVING, JACKIE SAWYER AND KYLE WHITTED FIND THEIR SEATS AT A TABLE WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

#### SURPRISE, IT'S YOUR OLDER BROTHER

Adam Suarez dressed up as Santa clause for kids day for the Child Development class. Adam holds his sister, Morgan, who doesn't know that Santa was really her older brother.

Each year the students had a chance to join the same old clubs and academic teams, but with new goals on mind. Key Club's president Ryan May spent his senior year involved in as many volunteer projects as possible. May helped build the group to one of the top Key Clubs in the state, and passed off his position to Mike Dobin. Key Club has been around for a while and has grown to well over 100 members. From donating canned foods to the poor to sleeping out in cardboard boxes, Key Club members would help as much as they could.



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WHAT'S

NEW AGAIN

Student Council welcomed new sponsor Kelly York. She helped the group organize everything from Homecoming to the blood drive, and brought new ideas for projects. Student reaction to the new sponsor was positive, as they agreed it was easy to get along with and relate to her.

#### SANTA'S HELPERS

Rachel Williams, Courtney Keilman, Katie Burke and Chris Urena help sort Christmas garland and wreaths during the Dollars for Scholars greenery sale.





#### THE OLD WEST

Phil Rainwater sports a cow suit for "Old West Day" in Greg Whitacre's American History class. During the class students danced and sang along to old western tunes.

# CHANGE IS THE KEY

By Mike Dobin • Photos by Mike Dobin & Mary Joan Dickson

**S**TUDENTS JOINED KEY CLUB with a desire to change the community by volunteering in service projects for the community. Some of the projects included creating greeting cards for the terminally ill and interacting with disabled children.



Ryan May earned the Sandy Nininger Award, the highest award a Key Clubber can win. He received the award from Jason Perkins, Key Club Governor of Indiana.

Students involved in Key Club had a first-hand experience in how much difference they created in the community. Being an older club, though, did not mean new ideas stopped. Every year new members joined, each adding something new to help the club out.

One member said, "Key Club benefited others,

but in turn, also helped me develop important skills in management and organization and in finding deeper meaning in the interactions between person and person and the relations they form. I am sure I'm not the only member who feels this way."

## KEY CLUB 9-10

Front: Jeremy Santefart, Elizabeth Slatanavski, Brittany Ribicki, Jennifer Garsawski, Ashley Stenger, Amanda Wimmer, Amy Brightwell, Jenny Stevens Row 2: Taylor Klemm, Kristin Klemm, Kristin Aguayo, Nicole Lutz, Anna Foy, Rachel Hepp, Krysta Hickey, Dawn Hartman, Holly Myszkowski, Tiffany Skorup Row 3: Jill Speerstra, Melisse Duffy, Kara Moggi, Niccole Berg, Kayla Gillian, Heather Wright, Amy Ruggasik, Natasha Cottrell, Keici Farther, Martha Hackett, Samantha Plant, advisor Mary Joan Dickson Row 4: Sarah Burgess, Rebecca Csikas, Sam Camus, Alyssa Boerria, Danielle Hill, Danielle Piantaric, Janny Kleine, Sam Gold, Jovanna Radovich, Andra Trock, Amy Brant, Josh Lawrence Row 5: Desireé Schilling, Jeremy Kroll, Jenny Jones, Amber Gyselnick, Jessica Gaynor, Kristin Pankratz, Leah Ratz, Mallie Farber, Anna Turutella, Ashley Steiner, Anna Shanks, Drew Schwahn, Jordan Huffer, Back: Jessie Cherbok, Gordon Sawasik, Chris Nelson, Craig Meyers, Kyle Sobkowicz, Mike Wendinger, Scott Krueger, Jason Mantel, Stephen Goff, Ryan Cliftenberg, Dan Ruth, Eric Gross, Tim Dabin, Cary Majka, Matt McGovern.

## YOU HAD TO BE THERE

The Untalent/Talent Show was filled with laughter and good acts put on by students. Most of the laughter was brought by the hosts of the show, consisting of; Wyatt Vukobratovich, the shark; Jason Metz, a.k.a. Mr. Kool-Aid; and T.J. Remec as the Elvis with a walker.



## BEST IN STATE

At the Key Club convention in Indianapolis, Billy Rickey was named Distinguished Vice President. Getting this award meant he went above and beyond the call of duty.



## SUSS ON THE LOOSE

Every Monday, Key Club members read books to elementary students or do other fun and exciting projects in the "Monday with Me" program. Melissa Steuer, Molly Wagner, Lauren Kaper, and Maggie Ryan try to keep the childrens' attention with an old time favorite Dr. Seuss book.

## A SPECIAL DAY

Clear blue skies made for a good start for the Special Olympics. Kyle Sobkowitz, Steve Goff, and Tim Dobin 'chill' with their contestants before their races begin.



## KEY CLUB 11-12

Front: Leslie Matik, Amanda Hildbrundt, Tiffany Barker, Krysta Glavin, Jenny Stevens, Rachelle Hepp, Jacob Goff, Lauren Kaper, Christen Ochs, advisor Marja Joann Jackson. Row 2: Michelle Brown, Desirée Schilling, Molly Wagner, Eve Surprise, Maggie Ryan, Kalie Westerhoff, Angela Witt, Lu Blanks, Megan Myers. Row 3: Kristan Schwalm, Jessica Hammons, Sara McDonald, Lauren Shelly, Danielle Higby, Lynn Mostay, Samantha "Sam" Johnson, Leah Schaefer, Key, & Jason Metz, Stacey Huppenthal, Karah Adam, Jaclyn Kemptel, Rachel May, Kelly Yukon, Tim Scherer, Adam Anwood, Joanna Homett, Melanie Rosinski, Amanda Wendinger. Row 5: Katie Nawrocki, Tom York, Katie Burke, Alsha Staley, Melissa Steuer, Courtney Kelman, Kyle Peterson, Chitelle Wicks, Scott Daberkow, Wyatt Vining, and Kyle Peterson. Row 6: Kylie Fastling, Ryan May, Justin Wilson, Eric Howe, Jeremy Peterson, Jacob Ryan, Brian Grey, Greg Shiroka, Doug Watt, Zack Wayoda. Back: Sam Van Lear, David Pietsch, Jeff Johnson, Brandon Hegg, Doug Bilecki, Mike Dobin, Andy Mulder, Val Piepol, Kris Stasomavski, Larry Pempalk.



# SEEING THE LIGHT

By Lydia Mastey • Photos by Michaela Mihalek, Lydia Mastey, and Brian Gley

**E**VERY SOUND, every light beam, and every form of color were essential parts of art. Sound could be added to increase the overall appeal. Bright lights could make or break a good project by hiding minor flaws, though lights also could magnify a flaw. Under the direction of the art department teachers, students learned how to present their work in the best possible light.



"I love art. It is the best way to express yourself, plus I'm pretty good at it."

-LYDIA MASTEY

Cheryl Muehlman took charge of the art club from veteran teacher Louis Greer. Among the first activities was a senior art show. Every senior enrolled in an art class was eligible to submit one piece.

The club also put together a movie night. They bought pizza and rented movies for everyone who showed up.

"It was definitely a great way to spend a Friday night; hanging out with friends and eating pizza," club president Brian Gley said. "Even the movies weren't bad. It was fun to get away from museums and art exhibit field trips."

## THE LOVE PAINTING

"Painting was a lot of fun. The free painting was the best assignment. I'm going to miss my art class," said Leslie Malik.



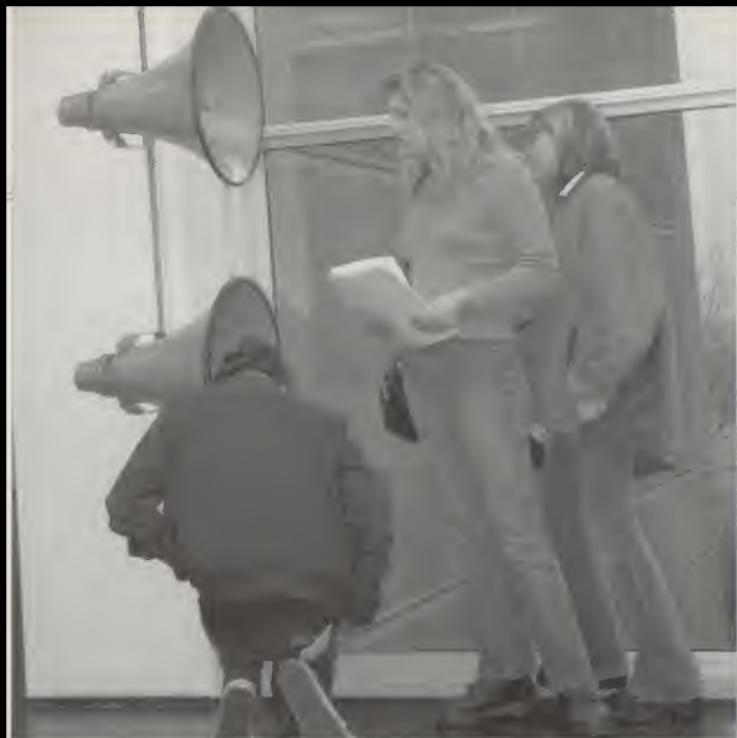
## ART CLUB / 11-12

**F**ront: Amanda Hildebrandt, Sylvia Darden, Sarah Gonsiorowski, Leslie Malik, and Desireé Schilling  
**R**ow 2: Frank James, Maggie Bourrell, Rachael Anderson, John Bugajski, Lydia Mastey, Alicia Anderson, Jace Pitifer, Derrick Way. **R**ow 3: Katrina Hegyi, Liz Bilinski, Jacklyn Kenzie, Maggie Ryon, Jessica Douglas, Melanie Rosnik, Lynn Pokrajac, Douglas Billinski. **R**ow 4: Emily Koskela, Rachael Rebenack, Jake Radosevich, Robert Stacks, Andy Mulder, Danny Ledonne, Val Ploetz, Larry Pempek. **B**ack: Tim Barrett, Joel Bormann, Brian Gley, Art Kreuger, Donnie Lall, Mike Stinson, Ryan Diaz, Chris Bohling, Brandon Hegg.



## ART CLUB / 9-10

**F**ront: Christina James, Brittney Way, Sara Burgess, Danielle Patrick, Jeremy Kroll.  
**R**ow 2: Jennifer James, Elaine Angel, Elizabeth Riza, Justin Niven, Kristina Coleski, Sara Hüffer. **B**ack: Marja Radovic, Natasha Cottrell, Jerry Roedel, Larry Pempek, Mike Lundin, Caleb Kortokrax.



#### LISTEN CLOSE

At the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, Jessica Douglas and instructor Cheryl Muehlman try to interpret sounds coming from speakers in this piece of contemporary art.



#### BEWARE OF PAPER CUTS

Louis Greer's painting class is one of the most enjoyable classes for Brian Gley. It allowed students to show their artistic side, although some students complained it was a pain digging through his magazine barrels.



#### THE POND

"We were looking at this little pond with this really big fish in it," Alicia Anderson said. "The funniest part while we were standing there was when Jessica Douglas picked up a big rock that was in the water and threw it back to hit a fish. The echo was so long I'm surprised we didn't get yelled at. After graduation I'm going to miss the art field trips having fun, but also getting in trouble."

# CUTTING EDGE SCIENCE

By Jace Pittier • Photos by April Barnes & Mike Dobin

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

was fun for those who had a desire to give something back to the environment. While the majority of their time was spent around school, the club raised awareness of environmental issues around the world.

"I have been involved in environmental club for two years," Brian Gley said. "Once a week, every week, we go class to class and collect the paper that the students put in the recycling."

Science courses also raised student awareness. Jason Besse said, "The chemistry class was difficult, but with Mr. Krol as our teacher, he always had a way of making the material fun to learn. The labs we do are always exciting and dangerous. The best part is playing with the fire."



### MORE MUSCLES PER MEOW

Bess Copak dissects a cat in advanced biology. "Around the face, it began to get really hard to separate away the muscles," Bess said.

### PAPER TIGER

Owen Goff grabs a huge stack of newspapers from teacher Linda Brumbaugh's room. "I wanted to give you guys a workout," she said jokingly.



### PICKY PEOPLE

Environmental Club members Owen Goff and Wyatt Vukobratovich pick through the recycling can trying to get the heavy stuff out first. Then they used some group effort to dump the rest of the can into the recycling dumpster.

### CHUNKY STYLE

Biology students Brian Gley and Scott Goriney get a little grossed out when their cat's skin came off in chunks. "The formaldehyde smell also gets a bit on the nauseating side," Gley added.





#### EVERYBODY WORKS

Krystina Davis shows Owen Goff and Wyatt Vukobratovich that anyone can recycle. It doesn't matter what size or who you are, everyone is capable.

#### GIVING A FACIAL

"Separating the fascia from the fur had to be the most difficult thing to do," Rob Ettema said. Josh Deenik on the other hand believed that separating the muscles was more difficult.



#### ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

**Front:** Krystina Davis, Fallon Mutch, Karrah Adam, Krysta Rickey, Kellie Rauguth, Kristy Ostrowski. **Row 2:** Mari Hofer, Stephanie Lyons, Tracy Manestat, Lydia Mastey, Stacey Latulip, Kelsey Kellman, Kelli Yukon. **Row 3:** Adam Suarez, Melanie Rosinko, Joanne Hamlett, Jovana Radilovic, Lynn Pokrajac, Mark Myszkowski. **Back:** Wyatt Vukobratovich, Kyle Sobkowicz, Tim Dabin, Dan Kozlowski, Matt McGovern, Andy Shanks, and Dan Ruth.

# DUCK AND COVER

By Kassandra • Photos by Miss Cobb

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members were asked to perform in a variety of events to help out the school as well as their surrounding community. One of the annual tasks that National Honor Society conducts was the annual Spring Clean-up.



There were just some bushes that grew too wild and needed some styling. As Doug Bilinski shapes the scraggly bushes into a sculpted centerpiece of the landscaping.

From trimming bushes to mulching, the students tried hard to make the courtyard look as nice as possible. A surprise was in store for them, though, as some noticed while trimming a certain bush that a mother duck was laying on her nest as we worked around her. They worked carefully so they didn't disturb them.

"I'm glad that I was a member of the National Honor Society," NHS president Billy Rickey said. "This organization not only benefits the school and community, but it is also a great experience to have."

## GROUP EFFORT

Work gets done faster when working together. Nicole Chmielewski, Christie Wick, and Rachel Williams pick up scraps and trimmings that other workers left behind.



## ENGARD

Sometimes you just need to have your own fun while cleaning up. T.J. Rennec and Jacob Rush challenge one another with hedge trimmers before shaping up the bushes behind them.

## PLENTY OF ADVICE

Admiring the work of others was a common scene at the clean-up. Samantha Yonke, Desirée Schilling, and Lauren Kaper gather around a hard working Scott Deatherage as he fixes a flower display.



### THE COMFORT ZONE

Picking weeds and trimming plants is one of the tasks of the annual courtyard clean-up. Jaclyn Kienzle and Liz Bilinski took shade under a blossoming tree from the blazing sun.

### FUN IN THE SUN

Taking a break from all of the hard work lets friends share stories with one another about how their day is going. Karrah Adam and Bess Copak laugh at some of the funny things that happened earlier in the afternoon.



### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Editor's Note: The group caption information was not completed by yearbook staff. We apologize to the National Honor Society.



# INFO MANIACS

By Heather Vuletic • Photos by Jason Pinter & CyberCat Staff

**C**YBERCAT STAFFERS WERE ALWAYS on the go. Keeping the online stories up to date, students stayed informed of current events, entertainment, athletics, and special dates. The web-site staff also added a few humorous stories.

Greg Sears stated, "I think the best article this year was 'The Dating Scene... Undressed.' It was the most fun to write and research. Everyone loved reading it and participating in my surveys." The article reflected on what a girl is really looking for in a guy. A CyberCat Survey showed that most girls are looking for more personality and not so much looks.

The Key Yearbook staff also had their hands full. Starting with four students first semester, making the deadlines was a big challenge. Second semester was different as nine more students joined the staff.

From Eric Howe's wrestling accident to the PomCats becoming State Champions, the small staff tried to cover everything they could. Mike Dobin said, "Being on yearbook staff was a good experience for me because I got to go out to different events (for free), take pictures, and get interviews."

April Barnes said, "I would have to say that being on yearbook staff was a great experience to me. I found a place to put my 'take charge'ness' to good use, although there were times I was overly stressed due to very close deadlines. I really enjoyed working with everyone, nevertheless."



## CYBERCAT NEWS STAFF

Nicole Berg, Sean Mitchell, Joe Vorga, Steve Panozzo, Greg Sears, and Crystal Dziedon. Not Pictured: Adviser Mike Frazier.

### FEED ME

Primarily a photographer, Sean Mitchell also spends much of his class time writing captions and helping staff members choose photos for their yearbook spreads.

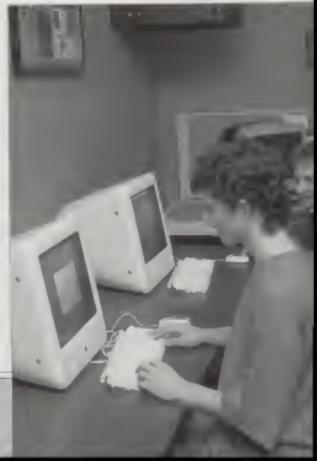


### RESEARCH READY

Entertainment editor Keith Kleine researches the latest movie releases, while Joe Vorga prepares daily updates for the CyberCat web site. Sports editor Steve Panozzo checks the KRT News Service for national stories.

### GROUP EFFORT

Features editor Nicole Berg prompts wire editor Joke Johnson to log-in for a story idea. News editor Greg Sears watches while waiting for his computer to finish starting up. It was their first year as CyberCat staff members, though Johnson moved to the district in the second semester.





#### ON THE JOB

News editor Greg Sears interviews Ben Arthur and Jennifer Marks after their performance for the mass media and music classes. The emerging artists were on tour and answered questions about getting into the music business.

#### SENIOR SATISFACTION

Heather Iwinski and Jessica Douglas won on the Senior Stats pages of the yearbook along with April Barnes. Barnes was named The TIMES Scholastic Journalist Award winner for her excellence.



#### PONDERING CHOICES

Given the number of choices he had, Mike Doblin tries to decide on which photos to select for the Key Club yearbook spread. Ironically, Doblin also was the Key Club's president-elect.

#### KEY YEARBOOK STAFF

**Front:** Ashley Hostetter, Sara Kerrick, Heather Vuletic, Jessica Douglas, Heather Iwinski **Back:** Jace Pittet, Nick Yukon, Mike Doblin, Jordan Sawaska, Nick Whiffield, Luke Besse, Sean Mitchell. **Not Pictured:** April Barnes, Adviser Mike Frazier.



### 'BEN' THERE, DONE THAT

Members of Mike Frazier's Moss Media classes, as well as the music department students, engage in some Q & A with Ben Johnson after a special performance. The moss media students wrote reviews of the concert, which Ben performed with Jennifer Marks. The two emerging stars were on tour and spent some time discussing what it takes to break into the music business.



### WORKING WITH WORDS

Frantically filling in his vocabulary workbook, Scott Fairhurst tries to finish before the bell rings. Sometimes it was just easier to do the homework in class in order to make sure it was done.

### SPELLBOWL TEAM

**Front:** Billy Rickey, Tim Scherer,  
**Middle:** Notion Jackson, Stacey Huppenthal, Kelli Yukon, Kelsey Keilmon, Amy Brainer **Bock:**  
Suzanne Neiderl, Josh Lawrence,  
Karen Sikma, Mike Dobin, Mike Mitchell.



# HANDS-ON ENGLISH

The John Hancock • Photos by Mike Ciccone



**NO PRESSURE HERE**  
Music helps calm the mind and body in the tense atmosphere of a Spellbowl competition. Billy Rickey tunes up his guitar, lifts his cowboy hat, and lets the country hits roll for his Spellbowl teammates to enjoy.



**LIFELONG LEARNER**  
Sam VanLear diligently pays attention to his teacher in order to absorb every bit of information she can give to him. "I love school, and learning, too!" he said.

**A LITTLE MORE TIME**  
Matt Michalski uses his free time at the end of class to get a head start on his homework. This allowed him more free time at home instead of having to do homework.

**S**TUDENTS IN STEVE LANDIS' freshman English class studied Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". They role-played, read, listened, and viewed a video. They also re-wrote parts of one scene in contemporary language. "The students are often surprised at how understandable the play is when they are present for all the activities and the discussion," Landis said.

In Brett Wright's English classes, seniors made movie trailers for a version of the play, "Hamlet". Students used video cameras and a computer to edit it. They wrote, acted, made all their props, and scenery. Some made DVD's with menus and even some outtakes.

## BOWLED OVER

The Spellbowl team competed in two competitions. The Kouts Invitational was the first competition where the squad earned fourth place. The second was the Indiana Academic Spell Bowl where they earned a first among Division 3 schools and were sixth out of 14 teams. Top spellers were Karen Sikma, with a perfect score of nine words, followed by Billy Rickey, Stacey Huppenthal, and Mike Mitchell.





#### THE TABLES TURN

Sometimes students teach the teacher. Dan Kozlowski helps Suzanne Demmond navigate some computer files to locate web site materials.

#### GETTING THE WORD OUT

Shannon Phillips and Krystina Davis create promotional brochures in the fifth-period Sparts, Recreation, Entertainment Marketing course. The class also produced informational brochures for the school district to distribute locally.





#### BY THE BOOK

While production is a big part of the course, it wasn't the only thing students faced. Lauren Kaper looks over her Sports Marketing book in preparation for a test.



#### FREEZE FRAME

Melanie Rosinko is distracted by the photographer in her business class, but went right back to work in the sports marketing class after the picture was taken.

#### THE SEARCH IS ON

Desktop publishing is not the only skill students need to produce their brochures. Dan Kozlowski spends a good deal of class time conducting online research for his flyer.

## REAL WORLD BUSINESS

By Leslie Mitchell • Photos by the authors

**T**HE BUSINESS WORLD isn't what it used to be. While accounting and keyboard skills were still the norm, students learned state of the art business practices in courses such as Sports Marketing and Business Foundations. From how a business works and the ingredients for starting business to making it run efficiently, students explored how to become successful. Students also studied business law and regulations as well the benefits of owning their own business.

Some students took their work to the next level. They identified career specializations and completed periodical reports. Each of those kept them up to date on what was going on in the business world. Career specialization began with a big packet information and work sheets for answering career questions. Periodical reports required students to look up articles on business and then summarize it. Reports described the form of business as well what the student liked or didn't like about it.

Naturally, accounting, document processing, keyboarding and computer applications courses taught by William Whitestine continued to be essential to the curriculum. After all, business students needed to know how to crunch some numbers before they could apply their skills to a successful business model.



# COUNTING ON THE KIDS

By ELOISE HAWAII • Photos by April Bonnes & Sarah McCloud

**I**T WASN'T EXACTLY A FUNDAMENTAL change in mathematics, but according to department chair Marcia Gross, the biggest news to come from the math department was in addition. That is, when algebra teacher Suzann Wright had her baby, Megan Margaret, in December. Lori

Bathurst took over Wright's classes much of the second semester.



Krysta Gross uses her geometry skills in constructing a kite during her math class.

Teachers of the math department also spent most of the year pouring over textbooks to be considered for adoption next school year.

Among the Consumer and Family Science classes were Nutrition &

Wellness, Child Development, Advanced Foods, Consumer Economics, Textiles & Fashion, Housing, Orientation & Careers, as well as Interpersonal Relationships. Jean Kirk taught all of them. Her single-semester classes stayed active with field trips throughout the year. From trips to JoAnn Fabrics to classes at the Radisson Hotel to consumer-oriented tours of Marshal Fields, students were engaged in hands-on activities. The classes also hosted a variety of preschool "Kids Days" and traveled to Jane Ball Elementary to work with school-age kids.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Hand-held calculators were standard issue for math students. Brittany Potts works the numbers for an in-class assignment.



## LIKE A BIG SISTER

Maggie Bourrell was just one of the Child Development class members who learned to work with elementary students at Jane Ball school.

## SEW CLOSE

Trying to thread the needle in sewing class posed a challenge for some students. Jean Kirk's sewing students worked on several personal items and visited a number of clothing and fabric stores as part of their schooling.





#### RAISING THE STANDARDS

A popular activity in one of the math classes was to use calculating skills to design and build kites. Students then waited for a nice Spring day to test their work.



#### A CUT ABOVE

The ever-popular pork cutting demonstration, almost an annual event, fascinated students in the foods classes as they learned how to identify the various cuts of meat. Once the butcher finished, the meat was wrapped and frozen for use in class.

#### A NEW STRATEGY

One reason Child Development students worked with elementary students was to give the high schoolers a chance to see how young kids learn. The experience was, in part, intended to help class members develop parenting skills for the future.



# GET A (GOOD) JOB!

By Nick Whittard • Photos by Sean Mitchell

**C**AREER DAY was one of the best days of the year. The Guidance Department planned the program which attracted dozens of potential employers. All students spent the entire school day learning about a wide variety of careers. Starting out the day in home-room the whole class moved from room to room to meet with each representative of a career.



Mrs. Leona from Chaiel Gallery draws pictures for students at Career Day and encourages those with a serious interest to consider art school.

"The best career (presentation) I had the privilege to see was the U.S. Marshalls," Heather Rebenack said. "They were exciting because they showed a lot about the training you must go through to be a U.S. Marshall and they had a lot of hands-on things in their presentation." The display included numerous weapons used by the marshalls, as well as some that were confiscated in raids.

There were interesting careers in every field imaginable, from chefs to social workers to stock brokers, there was something for everyone. The chance to talk with people who actually work in those fields meant students could get up-to-date information on potential career choices.

## SHORT-TERM FOCUS

A representative from DeVry University encourages students to consider the school, especially those who might be looking for a two-year degree.



## MIKE ON THE MARKET

Stock trader and alumnus Mike Holobawski describes his career as a trader on the futures market. Though no longer in the business, he was a stock trader for 10 years. As part of his message he encouraged students that want to do something with their lives to shoot for it and not give up.

## ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE

Mrs. Davis from Robert Morris College in Chicago, waits for interested students to approach her display. Though regional campuses of IU and Purdue were more familiar, Robert Morris offered a wide range of degrees as well as some athletic teams.





**SUPER RESOURCE**  
School superintendent, Dr. Michael Livovich, welcomes students to Career Day in the auditorium. He urged students to get all they could from the resources they would have throughout the day.



**HITTING A FUNNYBONE**  
Mrs. Postma, a nurse, talks to Mrs. Marcia Gross's homeroom class about what she does every day in the workplace. She made her visit interesting and somewhat funny by telling stories and giving examples and impressions.



**POWER PLAY**  
Randy Rohm, Chris Urena and Mr. Evorik, an electrician representing the labor union, review requirements for apprenticeships and careers in the electrical trades.



## UPBEAT

Warming up his arms, Chris Jillson lightly taps on the heads of the drums as the pep band prepares to play at a varsity basketball game. If Jillson tired, there were four more drummers that could take his place.

## A BIG BOOST

After the Pep Band energizes the crowd, director John Gorball takes a break. Members of the Pep Band played at all boys varsity basketball home games.



## CONCERT BAND

**Front:** Amber Gibson, Alicia Anderson, Megan Myers, Kelli Yukon, Jennifer Gonsiorowski, Molly Wagenet, Tiffany Skorupa, Candace Thompson, Amanda Brink, Amy O'Rourke, Beatrice Aguayo, Sarah Geraci, Marikate Blandford, Jenny Kleine.

**Row 2:** Ashley Hayden, Tiffany Barker, Krysta Gross, Sara Kerlikoff, Sarah Brewer, Nick Prendergast, Jeremy Santefart, Nathan Jackson, Ben Paul, Kelci Adam, John Gurgel, Jeniffer Deenik, Matt Clark.

**Row 3:** Raquel DeLean, Nicole Beatty, Colleen Vanca, Dan Kwiatkowski, Josh Lawrence, Rachel May, Melissa Olenik.

**Row 4:** Shannon Phillips, Samantha Gold, Kelly Kerlikoff, Samantha Plant, Melissa Pallof, Adam Bush, Jason Metz, Cady Jenkins, Tim Dobin, Bridget Rogene, Noah Hamblin, Justin Wythe.

**Row 5:** Ryan Strode, Lydia Master, Jon Bugajski, Paul McKeague, Josh Deenik, Ashley Schweitzer, Tom Johnson, Brian Bukaia, Billy Rickey, Justin Bush, Chris Jillson, Anthony Way, James Kozak.

**Bands:** Director John Gorball, Scott Deatherage, Kris Stojanovski, Roger Vukobratovich, Craig Myers, Joe Angone, Nick Garling, Eric Gross, Joss Hasselgren, Jason Strode, Wyatt Vukobratovich, Kyle Sobkowicz, Steve Marsh, Ryan May, Scott Krager.

**Not Pictured:** Andrew Martin, Heather Iwinski, Matt Jackson, Silas Smith, Jeff Homans, Tim Scherer.





## NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

### GETTING DEEPER

At the groundbreaking ceremony for the new auditorium, the band plays a song from their first-place performance in New York. Nick Garling helps out the band as the only tuba player for the day.



**GOOD VIEWS**  
Beatrice Aguayo and Sarah Geraci are fascinated by the sites from their boat as they tour New York City from the river.

**ESCAPE TO NEW YORK**  
Justin Wythe, Ryan May, and Eric Gross are caught off guard with a picture. Some of the sites they enjoyed were seeing the Statue of Liberty and seeing Will Smith film a new movie.

By John Gorball • Photos by Sean Miller & Scott Macmillan

**W**HETHER AT HOME OR AWAY, the band performed at their highest level throughout the year. In April they went to New York for a contest at Festivals of Music. Everyone was excited and ready to go on the trip and compete. The band worked hard at their music, perfecting each and every note just to win first place at their contest. When they performed, it was played well, but not as good as they wanted it to be according to director John Gorball. That day was hectic for the band students. Yet, two weeks later they received their results and learned they placed first.



"We had exciting concerts, two first state finalists in solo and ensemble concert, and crowned the year with a first place in our New York Festival."

—JOHN GORBALL  
DIRECTOR



"It was a great year," Gorball said. "All performances were performed well and we all had a great time on our trip to New York." Another highlight of the year was the Strode brothers, Ryan and Jason, competing at the state solo and ensemble contest. In addition to a variety of concerts, the band marched in several local parades and performed at ground-breaking ceremonies for the new auditorium. Their final performance of the year was filled with "Pomp and Circumstance" at commencement, June 6.

# SWEAT SHOP

By Heather Iwinski • Photos by Jace Ritter & Luka Besse

**T**HE BEST GAME IN GYM CLASS WAS pinball. At least that's what most of the guys in Ron Szanyi's physical education classes maintained. Similar to the old dodgeball game, it allowed classmates to smack each other with "pinballs." Not only did they not get into trouble for hitting each other, they earned a pat on the back for doing so. Everyone acknowledged that



Wall mirrors, as shown in this reflection, allowed students and athletes to observe their lifting technique in the new fitness room.

While the games and contests in Phys. Ed were fun, students in both the boys' and girls' classes could finally push their fitness to new levels in the new state-of-the-art fitness center. Once students were familiarized with the workout stations, they could develop individualized fitness plans.

Health classes were part of the overall fitness plan, too. "Heath was great," one student said. "We learned a lot of cool things about the human body and how it works. I went into the class thinking it would be boring, but it turned out to be really cool and exciting."

Szanyi was the pinball God. (And you had to always remember the Golden Rule: Szanyi is always right.)

## GUIDE TO GOOD HEALTH

Health teacher Carol Grady discusses an assignment with Stephen Goff. Former girls' phys ed teacher, Grady taught Health full time, while Bonnie Beamer took all of the girls' PE courses.



## TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

With over 14 stations in the new fitness room, students didn't have to wait long to train. Of course, that also meant there was little time between sets for resting.

## PRESSED FOR TIME

Jerry Opperman pushes to complete a set of body curls on one of the new fitness stations. Phys Ed teachers Ron Szanyi and Bonnie Beamer brought classes to the center several times each week to keep students in shape.





#### ARMED AND READY

The training regimen pays off for Tommy Krueger who can't resist showing the results of his workouts. The public benefitted from the new space, too, as the new fitness room was opened to the community several nights each week.



#### HEART HEALTHY

While fitness equipment helped build muscle, Don Kwiotkowski works on improving cardiovascular fitness using a good-old-fashion jump rope. Classmate Luke Besse completed 600 jumps, but missed his goal. "I did 197 in a minute. I missed the school record by three. I was mad," he said.

#### LEGGING IT OUT

One of the new machines allowed students to perform "quad pulls" with increasing resistance. The state-of-the-art equipment was a welcome change from a few free weights and a worn-out Universol Gym which had occupied the space in the mezzanine.



# GOOD TO THE LAST DROP

By **Isaac Morris** • Photo by **Jessica Ploetz** and **Karen Mitchell**

**W**ITH A RECORD-SETTING performance in the annual blood drive, new student council sponsor Kelly York brought a new energy to the organization. With the enthusiastic drive of the council members, the group collected 72 pints of the life-sustaining fluid in a single day.

Of course, the service organization had been on full swing long before the blood drive. They sponsored dances and produced Spirit Week and Homecoming, offering some new games and activities.

They also boosted the faculty's morale throughout the year as they provided special luncheons, knit shirts, and a variety of Educators Week memorabilia.

Given their seamless efforts, some students may have taken their work for granted, but this group made a visible difference in the lives of the school community and beyond.

## A MILD DISTRACTION

During a homeroom meeting in the open area, sponsor Kelly York and Jenna Osting look to see that council members are working on plans for Spirit Week.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

**Front:** Amber Gibson, Jena Osting, Megan Myers, Kellie Rauguth, Krystle Reh, Amanda Wendlinger, Janny Kleine. **Middle:** Sara McDonald, Josh Lawrence, Sarah Brewer, Jessica Hammons, Bess Copak, Angela Witt, Liz Billinski, Sam Gold, sponsor Kelly York. **Back:** Ashley Schweitzer, Brian Gley, Zack Wajvoda, Dave Ploetz, Kris Stojanovski, Chris Bohling, Christie Wick. **Not Pictured:** Karen Sikma.



#### OUT FOR BLOOD

Wearing the official Blood Drop mascot costume, Dave Ploetz was one of a few council members who enjoyed transforming into the bright red "action hero."

#### TAPPED OUT

Council member Megan Myers donated a pint of blood to help her own cause. By the end of the day, Heartland Blood collected 72 pints, setting a school record.



#### GOOD SUPERVISION

Josh Lawrence and Sarah McDonald meet with Jessica Hammons to work on Educators Week projects and plans.

# DOUBLE DELIGHTS

By Jace Miller • Photos by April Barnes & Mike Cuban

**WINNING TWO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** began with a stunning first place finish at the Academic Super Bowl on April 20. The English squad of Sarah Brewer (captain), Karen Sikma, and Megan Wilkening answered 24 of 25 questions correctly which earned them the right to compete at state. The Science team of Ryan May (captain), Jesse Cherbak, Nathan Jackson, Lara Horon and Molly Wagener also finished in first place, well ahead of the other schools. Hanover scored big by correctly answering the most questions among 14 schools and won a trip to the state finals. There they scored the biggest prizes of all: not one, but two, state championships.

In Sociology class David Plassmann and Rob Eitema stage an original commercial for a new beverage.

They weren't the only ones who were hot, though.

During the first semester final exam week a fire heavily damaged Greg Whitacre's social studies room, forcing the cancellation of classes and exams for the day. A burning candle was the apparent cause, though Whitacre was not blamed. Crews restored the classroom in a matter of a few short weeks.

Ann Thompson's sociology classes made up their version of "Saturday Night Live". The skits were a big laugh for all the students and teachers that came to watch. From Men in Tights, to Santa Baby, to news briefs, the students got their points across. Scott Deatherage said, "It was fun. We kind of threw it all together, but it seemed to work out pretty well."



**STATE CHAMPION ENGLISH TEAM**

**Front:** Sarah Brewer, Karen Sikma, and Megan Wilkening. **Back:** Coach Pam Maurer, and Principal Joseph Fetty.



**STATE CHAMPION SCIENCE TEAM**

**Front:** Molly Wagener, Coach Robin Dillon. **Middle:** Nathan Jackson, Ryan May, Lara Horon. **Back:** Principal Joseph Fetty, Jesse Cherbak.



**STATE RUNNER-UP**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM**

**Front:** Coach Robin Dillon, Megan Wilkening, Stacey Huppenthal, Coach Marcia Gross. **Middle:** Andrew Metz, Billy Rickey, Karen Sikma. **Back:** Coach Brett Wright, Jason Metz, Ryan May, Coach Pam Maurer.





#### HOT SUBJECTS

Dan Kozlowski and Adam Suarez cheer on fellow classmate Jenna Osting. Jenna was dressed up as a Pom Cat. The sociology class skit proved to be extremely funny.



#### MATH TEAM

Nathan Jackson, James Kozak, Josh Lawrence, Andrew Metz, Billy Rickey, Coach Marcia Gross.



#### SOCIAL STUDIES TEAM

Josh Lawrence, Ryan May, Andrew Metz, Coach Pam Mauer.



#### FINE ARTS TEAM

Rachel May, Stacey Huppenthal, Jason Metz, Coach Brett Wright.

# GETTING REAL

By Allison Flynn • Photography by Ryan Strode & Luisa Bosco

**R**EALITY STORE WAS A HIT with the juniors. The simulated slice of life game gave them an idea how living expenses could impact their futures. Students picked their careers and then saw if their careers could support their lifestyles.

Most students realized that they couldn't afford their favorite cars or go out and have a little bit of money left to spend for fun. Overall the kids had a good time finding out how there lives would be after school paying for their houses and taxes.

Sean Mitchell said, "The reality store was a good experience for young people to see what its like in the real world and know what to expect."

Krystina Davis said, "The Reality Store was a nice experience. It taught children how to manage their money and I am sure it was an eye opener to the reality. The kids actually took it seriously this year—that was impressive. I was glad to be a part of it."

## ACROSS THE BORDER

Foreign language classes offered a look at the cultures of France, Spain and Mexico. While most of the activities for the year were low-key, Spanish classes celebrated Cinco de Mayo (the fifth of May) with the foods and music of Mexico.

### OUCH!

Though he wasn't the visiting expert, Ryan Strode helps a student work on a medical insurance plan. Students discovered just how huge the bite would be from their salaries.



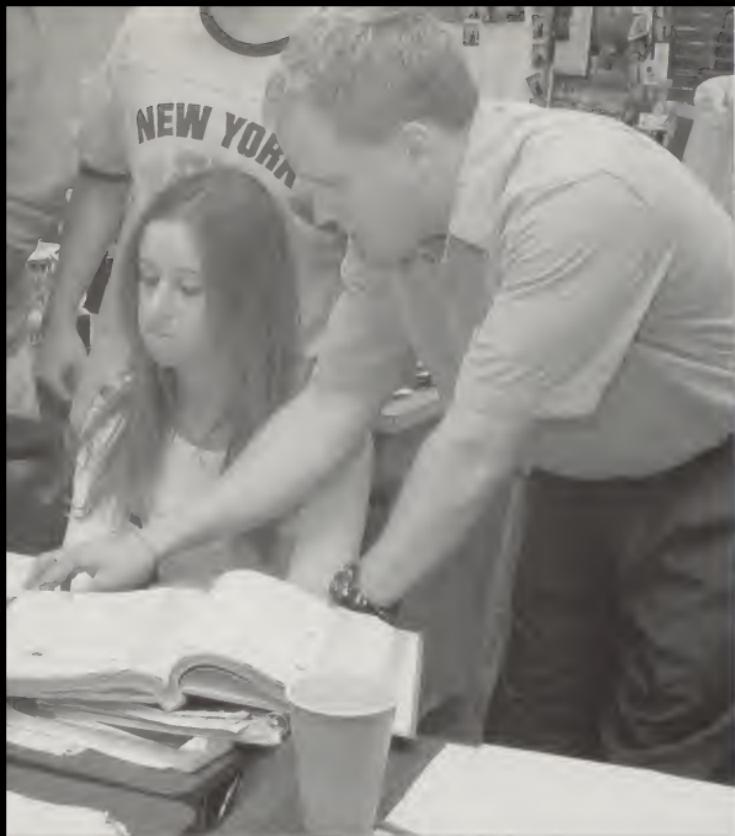
### THE FAMILY PLAN

While figuring out a student's clothing budget wasn't too difficult, Phil Rainwater gets some advice from Mrs. Goltz on how to plan for a family clothing budget.

### CRUNCHIN' THE NUMBERS

From time to time, students stopped to figure out how much money they had remaining before making more lifestyle choices. Art Krueger works the numbers to make sure he has enough cash left at the end of the month.





#### LOW-KEY CELEBRATION

It may have been Cinco de Mayo, but senior Karrah Adam finds she still needs help from teacher Steve Gustas with an assignment. Even though she had to work a little, Karrah was still able to enjoy the traditional Mexican celebration.



#### ON THE MOVE

Christa Olenik needs some wheels, so she checks in at the Reality Store transportation booth to see what a new car might cost.

#### NOSHING ON NACHOS

Ethnic foods were a key part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Spanish classes. Lisette Rachon and Eddie Nawrocki had no trouble making their "run for the border."



# A SPECIAL BLEND OF MUSIC

By Jacob Finner • Photos by Kristin Wirth

**A**T ISSMA DISTRICT SOLO and Ensemble Contest in early February, choir members earned first place ratings in Group 4. The soloists included Brittany Hunley, Brittany Griner, Shannon Kiraly, Steffanie Paszko, and Brenda McQuade. Ashley Steuer received a second place for her Group 1 solo. In all, 27 choral students participated.

A trio consisting of Jessica Rayburn, Jessica Williams, and Andria Trock placed second in Group 1, as did a quartet with Matt Allen, Greg Sears, Joe Justak, and Jesse Cherbak. The Madrigal Singers earned a second.

## HEADED FOR STATE

Placing first in Group 1 and qualifying for the state contest in Indianapolis were Jessica Williams, Jessica Rayburn, Suzanne Niedert, and Andria Trock.

Four choral students traveled to Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis March 6 to compete in the state solo and ensemble contest. Suzanne Niedart, Jessica Rayburn, and Jessica Williams each earned first places for their performances. Earning a second place for her solo was Andria Trock.

## SMOOTH TUNES

Megan McGovern and Andrew Metz offer their best at the winter concert. Both were veteran choir members.

## POWERFUL SOUNDS

The whole choir sings to the direction of veteran teacher Linda Beard. Later that night members of the audience got up on stage to sing with the choir.



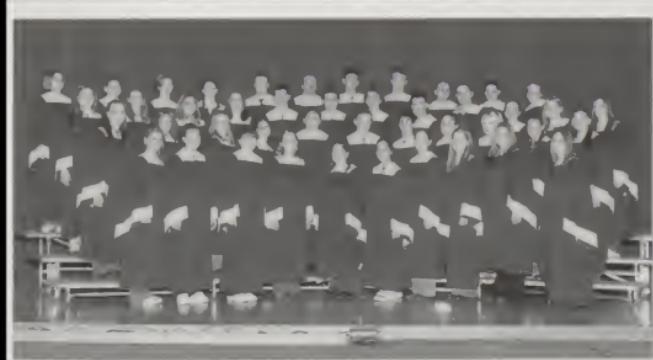
## HITTING THE LOW NOTES

The guys are featured in an ensemble at the winter concert while the girls go backstage to prepare for one of their numbers.





Matt Michalski adds a little facial expression while singing at the winter choir concert.



#### CONCERT CHOIR

**Front:** Kelsey Farntz, Mally Fairhurst, Amy Bugajski, Jnna Osting, Tiffany Barker, Jenny Stevens, Kellie Rauguth, Krystle Reh, Lauren Shelby, Rebecca Proud. **Row 2:** Amanda Den Hartog, Samantha Hall, Rachael Anderson, Christina Shelton, Nathan Heller, Jerry Opperman, George Petrac, Crystal Caskey, Amanda Dewey, Kasi Pawlak, Robin Stoffle.

**Row 3:** Kelsey Kellman, Stacy LaTulip, Angie Warren, Jessica White, Joe McClymont, Wesley Savage, Randy Bayd, Derrick Hefton, Jordan Sawaska, Ashley Hafner, Felicia Meyers, Ashley Clemens. **Back:** Cannie Brown, Jessica Rayburn, Emily Koskelo, Ashley Steuer, Robert Praud, Brian Gley, Tom McClymont, Anthony Kuhns, Rachael Rebenack, Amber Maul, Michelle Brown. **Not Pictured:** Kandise Lindley, Megan Hyntowlecki, Meg'n Henkel, Stephanie Patter, Mindy Jager, Jessica Barr.

## A 'KOOL' CHOIR

By Luke Besse • Photos by Dennis Wenzeloff

**T**HE EVER-SO-POPULAR Sound Express was always preparing for shows, but their main performance was the annual Spring Spectacular. The group said that they all had fun performing, but they also said the dances were somewhat difficult at first at first, but they got better and more fun to do as time went by.

"Being in Swing Choir is a lot of work; we practice every day. Practice is one of the most important things you can do to prepare for the show," Jimmy Wyman said.

"I had a lot of fun and it was a great experience for me. I will miss it a lot," said senior Mike Smith.

One of the most popular moments in the annual show featured a novelty number to open the second act. The group worked hard to keep the act a secret, leaving the audience to speculate. This time, instead of a single song, the Sound Express surprised the audience with a medley of commercial jingles while costumed as the product characters. From "The Dancing Raisins" to the Oscar Meyer Weiners to "Kool Aid," viewers were delighted with the trip down memory lane.

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### SHOW TIME

Joe Justak and Samantha Cantus perform for one of the group numbers at Spec. Justak also was featured as a soloist, singing, "You Lift Me Up."



### ELVIS LEFT THE BUILDING

But Jason Metz and Sam VanLear sing Presley's "Hound Dog" to an enthusiastic audience. The dark glasses and sequined jump suit gave them an authentic look.



### PURE GOLD

Matt Allen, Tracy Manestar, Scott Garry, and Amy Braner sing the Bryan Adams ballad, "Fields of Gold."



#### MR. KOOL

Jason Metz took a running start to break through a paper brick wall and surprise the audience with his rendition of the Kool-Aid theme.

#### HEROIC MOMENT

The second act features Megan McGovern singing "Hero," as one of several soloists. Swing Choir members selected their own solo material and auditioned for the coveted spots.



#### SWING CHOIR

**Front:** Jason Strode (drums), Jessica Williams, Greg Sears, Amanda Wendlinger, Sam VanLear, Andrew Metz, Katie Westerhoff, Jimmy Wyman, Ryan Strode (trumpet). **Middle:** Bridget Rogers (saxophone), Tracy Manestat, Jake Burroughs, Jasmine James, Jesse Cherbak, Mike Smith, Amy Brainer, Mark Furman (trumpet), Scott Krager (trombone). **Back:** Megan McGovern, Tim Scherer, Joanna Hamlett, Matt Allen, Andria Trock, Jason Metz, Joe Justak, Christie Wick, Scott Gorni, Samantha Camus, Rob Eterna, Katie Poznanski. **Not Pictured:** Suzanne Nierert, Amanda Parker, Ryan Moehan, Director Linda Beard.

# ONE 'TIGHT' SHOW

Juke Besse & Keith Kleine • Photos by Sean Mitchell

**W**HILE THE NOVELTY NUMBER was a hit, there were a few other show-stoppers as well. When the male choir members marched out to "Stout Hearted Men," silhouetted against the background, some assumed it was a tribute to the World War II song. When the lights came up, however, the boys switched to "Men in Tights," which was choreographed to feature a kick line. The audiences laughed so hard it was sometimes difficult to hear the lyrics.

CyberCat entertainment editor Keith Kleine reviewed the show. "(It was) a combination of pop, rock, country, and oldies music that was performed very well. The dancing scenes showed it was easy to tell they had been rehearsed repeatedly. The soloists had great voices and sang some pretty cool songs. The choir as a whole had a ton of talent. Many of the numbers made you laugh out loud they were so funny."

Tenor swing choir member Greg Sears told Kleine, "Waking up to go to first hour is the hardest part. I do it because it is fun and interesting. It is going to be a real good show, like a spectacular show."

Kleine concluded, "Overall, the show is really good. The choir practiced a lot and it showed. Everybody knew the words and every dance move to every song. The numbers were jammed together so there was no wait. I rate it four out of five Wildcats."

## FREEDOM SINGS

Patriotic songs are traditional for the choir as they perform "Let Freedom Ring." The song ended with the members pulling a giant flag up and across the stage.

## 'RAISIN' THE ROOF

Matt Allen (we think) and Andrew Metz are two of the Dancing Raisins who saunter across the stage to the tune, "I Heard It Through the Grape Vine," for the novelty number.

## SLICK MOVES

With plenty of moves to go with the popular melody, Tim Schorar and Mike Smith, dance with the other guys to "Those Summer Nights" from the movie, Grease.





#### LEGGING IT OUT

As the spotlight comes up, Mike Smith, Greg Sears, Ryan Meehan, Jason Metz, and Joe Justak surprise the audience with the show-stopping, "Men in tights".

#### WET 'N WILD

Christie Wick, Andria Trock, Katie Westerhoff, Tracy Manestar, and the rest of the girls dazzle the audience with lighted umbrellas to the tune, "It's Raining Men".



# TAKING IT ALL IN STRIDE

By April Barnes • Photos by Mike Dobin & Jace Pitifer

**LAUGHS WERE NOT IN SHORT**  
supply during the two performances of "You Can't Take It With You" in November. Staged by the Thespian Society, the cast was packed with a cast featuring Sam Van Lear, Jason Metz, Kelci Adam, Shannon Phillips, Rachel May, Wyatt Vukobratovich, Tim Scherer, Mike Dobin, and Jace Pitifer.



Dancing on stage comes naturally for Kelci Adam, who has taken years of ballet. This was the second play for the honorary member of the Thespian Society.

The comedy was at its best with the diverse cast. Each actor brought a different sense of comedy to the already funny script. Dialog was among the hardest things for cast members to memorize for opening night. By starting with some newcomers, adding some old familiars, stirring in a great script, cutting in a talented crew, and mixing great directing made for the perfect recipe.

## DANCING DUO

After Kelci Adam's character comes back from a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers show, she is in the mood for dancing. Mike Dobin and Kelci Adam show off a few of new their moves for the crowd.



## OH NO! J-MEN!

The Kirby's (Wyatt Vukobratovich and Andria Trock) stay close to each other and, with mixed emotions, wait for things to clear up. The Department of Justice "J-Men" stormed the set and held everyone hostage towards the end of the performance.

## NEW MOVES

A favorite part of the play was when the Crazy Russian, (T.J. Remec), tackled Mr. Kirby (Wyatt Vukobratovich), to the floor. Remec's flashy red and white costume reflected the the Russian's mad-cap demeanor.





#### I DIDN'T DO IT

As J-men arrive at the scene, confusion causes characters to quarrel. Jace Pittifer and Kelci Adam try to get to the bottom of why the J-men were after Jace.



#### TOMATO?

Everyone in the play makes sacrifices of some sort or another. Jason Metz had to eat a tomato on opening night after trying to avoid that minor detail during rehearsals for so long. "I hate tomatoes - I just do," Metz noted.

#### KABOOM

Maintaining your own fireworks factory isn't easy. Sam VanLearn and Tim Scherer play co-workers of a firework business they operate from a basement that eventually blew up.



### MIXING IT UP

Dances in the musical were a bit of swing mixed with modern dance moves. Joanna Hamlett and Joe Justak take center stage and show how much fun it was.



### RETRO FIT

Jessica Williams joins the rest of the girls on stage dressing up in a Christmas-style poodle skirt. Costuming for the entire show reflected the nostalgic theme from the '50s.

### BACK-UP BALLAD

Katie Westerhoff and Sam VanLear sing their hearts out to back up the center stage performer. Singing was what these two performers loved to do in their free time.





#### GROWING PAINS

Exchanging glances, Andria Trock and Joanna Hamlett argue about a conflict between their characters. The musical revealed the lives of the young women struggling to make it big in the music business.



#### SHAKE IT

During the musical some dancers got to shake their groove things. Jason Metz, Katie Westerhoff and Sam VanLear show off how well they can each bust a move.

#### BOTTOMING OUT

Amanda Parker and Ryan Meehan sit back and relax on stage while waiting for the next song or dance to begin. A break from a dance or two really helped their legs recover from the challenging dance moves they had to perform.



## HAMLETT LEADS THE PACK

By Mike O'Donnell • Photos by Jason Frazee

**A**s SPRING CAME AROUND, so did production of the spring musical, "Leader of the Pack," which was originally conceived by playwright Ellie Greenwich. The show paralleled her life story with Joanna Hamlett in the lead role as Ellie. The musical was primarily a series of '50s-style rock songs, each making a point about Greenwich's life.

When the musical was over, the actors didn't want it to end given all their hard work and all the fun they had while doing it.

Co-thespian president Jason Metz recalled, "Practices can be frustrating at times, but it's all worth it. The thing I liked the least about being in a play or musical would be the creative differences with the director, but I like to shake my groove thing."



As one of the semi-lead roles, Andria Trock sings about the loss of her boyfriend in the musical. Trock also took parts in many other school plays and musicals.

Some of the other main roles in the play went to Jason Metz, who played the role of Gus Sharkey, a big time record producer; and Joe Justak, who played the role of Ellie's partner in singing and in life.

# HONORABLES MENTIONED

By Eric Klemm • Photos by Sean Feltcher

## Perfect Attendance

Liliana Carrasco  
Matthew Jackson  
Bryan Martin  
Desiree Schilling  
Christopher Urena

## Outstanding in English

Nicole Beatty

## Outstanding Science Students

Physics: Silas Smith  
Chemistry:  
Jason Mantel  
Biology:  
Jessie Cherbak  
Advanced Biology:  
Kristen Schwalm  
Earth Science:  
Nick Madvek  
Integrated Chemistry & Physics:  
Marijana Nikolic

## Math

Outstanding Senior  
Calculus Student:  
Billy Rickey  
All A's in AP Calculus:  
Billy Rickey, Matt  
Jackson, Edgar  
Favela  
Pre-Calculus Student  
of the Year:  
Kristan Schwalm  
All A's Pre-Calculus:  
Jacob Rush  
Kelly LaPota  
Melissa Steuer  
Algebra II All A's:  
Jessica Hammons  
Eric Gross

Krista Rickey  
Joshua Lawrence  
Andria Trock  
Kelsey Keilman

## Business/Marketing

Outstanding First-Year Marketing Student:  
Krysta Rickey  
Outstanding Advanced Marketing Student:  
Jovanna Radlovich  
Outstanding Creative Contribution in Marketing:  
Larry Pemperek  
Outstanding Leadership in Marketing:  
Lauren Kaper

## Journalism

The TIMES Scholastic Journalist Award:  
April Barnes

**High School Band**  
Outstanding Band Members

**Freshmen:** Bridget Rogers, Tom Johnson, Don Kwiatkowski  
**Sophomores:** Ashley Schweitzer, Jason Strode  
**Juniors:** Colleen Vanco, Tim Scherer

## TOTAL RECALL

Larry Govert gives a social studies award to Eric Howe for his outstanding knowledge of U.S. history as well as world history.

## Senior Awards:

Semper Fideles Award:  
Matt Jackson  
Gilmore Award:  
Ryan May  
Amber Gibson  
Band Booster  
Seniors of the Year:  
Shannon Phillips  
Wyatt Vukobratovich  
Sousa Award:  
Ryan Strode

## Art Department

Senior Awards  
Outstanding in Visual Arts:  
Alicia Anderson  
Elisabeth Bilinski  
Ryan Diaz  
Sarah Fisher  
Owen Goff  
Amanda Hildebrandt  
Mari Hofer  
Jaclyn Kienzle  
Lydia Mastey  
Rachael Rebenack  
Heather Vulefitch

## Outstanding Senior Art Student

Elisabeth Bilinski

## Outstanding Hanover Art Student

Jaclyn Kienzle

All A's (through 5th grading period (04/20/04)

**Grade 9**  
Nathan Jackson

**Grade 10**  
Amy Brainer  
Rebecca Csikos  
Kelsey Keilman  
Joshua Lawrence  
Rebecca Loveless  
Jason Mantel  
Andrew Metz  
Kathryn Poznanski  
Jovana Radlovic  
Krysta Rickey  
Andy Shanks  
Karen Sikma  
Jason Strode  
Andria Trock

**Grade 11**  
Jessica Hammons  
Kristan Schwalm

**Grade 12**  
Billy Rickey

**Superior Honor Roll**  
(all grading periods through 5th, 04/20/04)

## Grade 9

Jesse Cherbak  
Nathan Jackson  
Amanda Parker

## Grade 10

Amy Brainer  
Sarah Brewer  
Rebecca Csikos  
Timothy Dobin  
Crystal Fraze  
Eric Gross  
Allison Jorges  
Kelsey Keilman  
Joshua Lawrence  
Rebecca Loveless  
Jason Mantel  
Andrew Metz  
Kathryn Poznanski  
Jovana Radlovic  
Krysta Rickey  
Andy Shanks  
Karen Sikma  
Jason Strode  
Andria Trock

## Grade 11

Michael Dobin  
Jessica Hammons  
Kelly LaPota  
Sara McDonald  
Jacob Rush  
Lindsay Schaufele  
Kristan Schwalm  
Silas Smith  
Melissa Steuer  
Justin Wilson

## Grade 12

Karrah Adam  
Edgar Favela  
Matthew Jackson  
Courtney Keilman  
Jaclyn Kienzle





**SUPERB SCIENCE**  
Scott Campbell presents  
Jesse Cherbek with his  
Outstanding Biology  
Student award.

**Grade 10**

Kelci Adam  
Matthew Allen  
Christy Bader  
Brian Clettenberg  
Vanessa Favela  
Stephen Goff  
Danielle Hill  
Alexis James  
Joseph Justak  
Keith Kleine  
Caleb Kortokrak  
Bryan Linan  
Tiffany Marsh  
Suzanne Niedert  
Andrea Perez  
Lisette Rachan  
Ashley Schweitzer  
Todd Sheehy  
Kyle Sobkowicz  
Elizabeth Stojanovski  
Margaret Vega  
Roger Vukobratovich  
Megan Wilkening

Jessica Williams  
Nick Yukon

**Michael Rayburn**

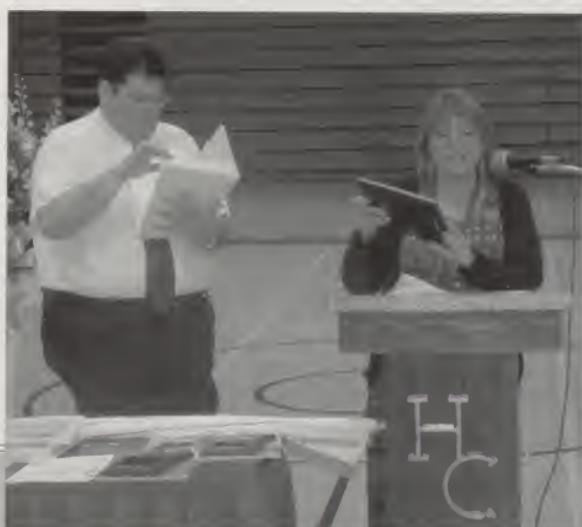
Maggie Ryan  
Jaclyn Sawyer  
Lauren Shelby  
Gregory Shroka  
Alisha Staley  
Michael Stinson  
Dennis Thornberry  
Samuel Vanlear  
Molly Wagener  
Zachary Wajvoda  
Kyle Weisbrodt  
Amanda Wendinger  
Christie Wick

**Grade 11**

Timothy Barrett  
Jonathon Bugajski  
Nicole Chmielewski  
Daniel Csuk  
Kyle Eastling  
Scott Fairhurst  
Scott Gorny  
Michael Gralski  
Lara Horon  
Lawrence Horon  
Eric Howe  
Kelly Hudak  
Brittany Irwin  
Lauren Kaper  
Donny Lail  
Nicholas Madvek  
Eddie Nawrocki  
Matthew Pariso  
Daniel Peterson  
Jeremy Peterson

**Grade 12**

Rachael Anderson  
Adam Arwood  
April Barnes  
Doug Bilinski  
Liz Bilinski  
Christopher Bohling  
Katie Burke  
Liliana Carrasco  
Elizabeth Copak  
Crystal Coppage  
Owen Goff  
Joanna Hamlett  
Heather Hayden  
Danielle Hibby  
Mari Hofer  
Stacey Huppenthal  
Stephanie Lyons  
Lydia Mastey  
Fallon Mirich  
Michael Mitchell  
Lynn Pokrajac  
Anastasia Previs  
Keillie Raughut  
Rachael Rebenack  
Desiree Schilling  
Ryan Strode  
Christopher Urena  
Heather Vuletich  
Angela Witt  
Justin Wythe  
Samantha Yonke



**Honor Roll**  
(all grading periods  
through 04/20/04)

**Grade 9**

Amy Brightwell  
Molly Fairhurst  
Jennifer Gonsiorowski  
Christopher Granger  
Amber Gyselinck  
Jasmine James  
Novjot Kaur  
Scott Krager  
Joe McClymont  
Ryan Meehan  
Craig Myers  
Melissa Olenik  
Melissa Pallet  
Samantha Plant

**GO FIGURE**  
Pat Joyce and Marcia  
Gross hand out several  
awards for the Mathematics  
Department to their  
academic achievers.

### GONNA GET EVEN

During practice, former Wildcat wrestler and varsity coach Scott Campbell settles an old score with junior Eric Howe. Still, Coach Campbell helped Howe train for his state-qualifying season.



**A** lot of people believed you have to work hard to win; that was true, but motivation was the real driving force. Teamwork was imperative. "Even if we lost, at least we know we tried hard. It's not always about the win; but about how we worked together to do our best," Tiffany Skorupa said. Avenging past losses kept others focused. It wasn't always the primary force, in fact they thought of it more as

# SETTLING AN old score

The worst feeling for any athlete was to go to a competition with the hunger and desire to win, and then miss winning by a few points. It alone could create a drive so strong that it pushed any athlete to want to settle an old score the following year. However, Luke Besse had no problem achieving his goals.

"I had a good year winning a lot like I had planned. I set many goals for myself to qualify for regionals," Besse said, "but as the year ends, I feel it will be hard leaving my teammates."

### NO MORE STROKES

The hot, bright sun tries to get the best of Courtney Kellman while she tries to golf. However she evens the score by lying on the cool grass in attempt to lessen the effects of the hot sun.





#### NO FAULT ZONE

Robby Ribicki tries to knock down all the pins to help the Wildcats win the game, but even with no pressure, he still has fun at the same time. "Look at me go," Ribicki would often say after rolling the ball and showing the team he could bowl without committing a foot fault that he was known for.

# REGION RUNNERS

By Jace Pritter • Photos by April Barnes & Mike Quillen

**A FIFTH-PLACE FINISH** at sectionals capped a long season for the girls' cross-country team. Fallon Mirich finished in eighth place overall and won the Most Valuable Runner award. Krysta Rickey took 20<sup>th</sup>. Katie Westerhoff came in 25<sup>th</sup>, plus she earned the team's Hustle Award and Mental Attitude Award. Other finishers included Katie Burke (32), Amy Brainer (38) Karrah Adam (49), and Jenny Savickas (53).

Mirich also led the team to a perfect 15-50 win over Boone Grove and a 26-29 victory over Washington Township on September 24 in a PCC meet at Boone Grove. She placed second overall in the meet with a time of 17:17. Although the squad placed in the middle of the pack at the PCC Meet, they did manage a 5-2 round-robin record in conference races.



## CROSS COUNTRY

**Front:** Fallon Mirich, Katie Westerhoff, Korrah Adam, Krysta Rickey. **Back:** Amy Brainer, Jenny Sovickas, Ashley Hoyden, Katie Burke. **Not pictured:** Coach Steve Foulds.

## BRINGING IT HOME

The home stretch is where it all counts. Picking up speed and sprinting to the finish line, Katie Westerhoff tries to stay in front. She later set her personal best of 16:42 at the Lowell meet.



### THE PAY-OFF

As cliché as it may sound, great endurance and personal strength combines for the pay-off with the team proudly displaying their sectional ribbons. The squad placed fifth at sectionals and advanced to regionals.



### CERTIFIED SUCCESS

Athletes are acknowledged and rewarded at the Fall Sports Banquet. Among those honored were Krysta Rickey, All PCC; Fallon Mirich, All-PCC and All-Sectional; Karrah Adam, first place PCC Conference Meet; and Katie Westerhoff, Mental Attitude Award.



### BEST EFFORT

Katie Burke covers the uneven surfaces of the 2.5-mile course at the Culver Meet. She finished in a personal best time of 18:18.



### TEAM SCORES

Season Record (Dual): 5-5  
PCC Record 5-2

| (Low score wins)         |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Rensselaer               | 38-23    |
| Culver Invitational      | 14 of 19 |
| Gavit Invitational       | 5 of 10  |
| Saint Louis Invitational | 15-20    |
| Crown Point              | 44-17    |
| K.V. Invitational        | 7 of 10  |
| River Forest             | 29-26    |
| Morgan Twp               | 35-21    |
| LaCrosse                 | 19-36    |
| Kouls                    | 27-28    |
| Hebron                   | 36-20    |
| Lowell Invitational      | 5 of 9   |
| Washington Twp           | 26-29    |
| Boone Grove              | 16-50    |
| PCC Meet                 | 4 of 8   |
| Sectionals               | 5th      |
| Regionals                | 8th      |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

FALLON MIRICH  
Most Valuable Runner  
All-Conference  
All Sectional

KRYSTA RICKY  
All Conference

AMY BRANNER  
Rookie of the Year

KATIE WESTERHOFF  
PCC Mental Attitude Award  
HC Mental Attitude Award  
Hustle Award

JENNY SAVICKAS  
Most Improved

# SPLIT DECISION

By Jace Pittier • Photos by April Barnes & Mike Dobin

**O**NE NEAR-MISS kept the boys' cross country team from sweeping the PCC. A one-point loss to Morgan stopped the Wildcats from winning the round-robin title, but the team avenged the loss by winning the PCC Meet Championship for the second straight year.

"We started our push a little earlier last year," Coach Steve Foulds said in comparing the two conference meets. "We were looking for something good to happen."

## HOW DEEP IS IT?

Hanover relied on its depth. Val Ploetz led the team by placing second, Chris Urena was seventh, and Adam Arwood took ninth. "That makes it a lot easier on us," Ploetz noted. "It gives us something to fall back on."

The team varied their training for a change of pace. "We went to West Beach and ran the dunes," Urena recalled. "It was a hard day of running, but at the same time it was fun."

Ploetz capped the season with a personal best of 16:52 at the New Prairie Semi-State. It was his second trip to the big meet in as many years.



## CROSS COUNTRY

**Front:** Val Ploetz, Adam Arwood, Scott Deatherage, Tim Dobin, Chris Urena, Jim Wyman. **Back:** Jason Mantel, Greg Shroka, Matt Jackson, Paul McKeague, Owen Goff, and Jeff York. **Not Pictured:** Coach Steve Foulds.

## DEVOTION IN MOTION

Dedication and the thrill of running made Val Ploetz the top varsity boys' runner, with a best time of 16:52. He qualified for semi-state, placed second at the PCC meet, and took sixth at the Culver Invitational.



### THE CHALLENGE OF ONE

Without his brother Nick running by his side this year, Chris Urena runs solo. Urena was usually the number two runner based on his race times. "Not being the best runner on the team gave me the challenge to strive to improve my senior year," Urena said.



### CLOSE AT HOME

Matt Jackson and Paul McKeague battle to the end for position. Jackson said, "Coach Foulds made our practices really hard, but it gave me the stamina I needed to finish my race strong."



### NEW AND IMPROVED

Jason Mantel improved his personal best time from a year ago by 35 seconds, lowering his time to the mid-eighteens. His goal was to become one of the team's top five runners, which he achieved.



### TEAM SCORES

Season Record: 8-2  
PCC Record: 6-1

(Low score wins)

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rensselaer              | 18-42                 |
| Gavit Invitational      | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 12 |
| Crown Point             | 47-16                 |
| River Forest            | 5-50                  |
| Morgan Twp.             | 29-28                 |
| LaGrange                | 15-50                 |
| Rensselaer Invitational |                       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | 2nd                   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | 1 <sup>st</sup>       |
| Hebron                  | 21-40                 |
| Kouts                   | 21-40                 |
| Lowell Invitational     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 10 |
| Boone Grove             | 17-48                 |
| Washington Twp.         | 15-50                 |
| Culver Invit            | 4 <sup>th</sup> of 22 |
| South Central           | 15-50                 |
| Andrean Invit.          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 1  |
| PCC Meet                | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 8  |
| Sectional               | 4 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Regional                | 6 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Semi-State              |                       |
| Val Poetz               | 30 <sup>th</sup>      |

(Personal best of 16:52)

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

VAL PLOTZ  
Most Valuable Runner  
All-Conference  
All-Sectional  
All-Regional  
Sem State Qualifier

CHRISURENA  
All-Conference  
All Sectional

GREG SIROKA  
All-Conference

ADAM ARWOOD  
All Conference  
Co-Most Improved

PAUL MCKEAGUE  
All Conference

MATT JACKSON  
All Conference  
Hustle Award

TOM YORK  
Co-Most Improved

SCOTT DEATHERAGE  
Mental Attitude Award

# BACK IN THE SWING

By Nick Whifford • Photos by Jace Pritter

**T**HE GIRLS' GOLF TEAM was a little above par with Megan Myers going to regionals. It was most likely due to her experience as a member of the golf team for four consecutive years. Myers capped the season by repeating as the team's MVP for the third consecutive year.

## KUDOS FOR THE COACH

"Golf is fun, but I think that I had more fun playing my junior year," Myers said. "I think that Scott Campbell is an exceptional coach. He has taken all of us and made us the golfers we are today," she added. The team showed their appreciation with solid rounds of play and another winning record.

## SUN, FUN, AND TRAVEL

The golf team also got to travel around. Some of the courses they met at were Sandy Pines, Briar Ridge, Lake Hills, and Beachwood. Although the Monastery was their home course, Sandy Pines was also a favorite among the golfers.



### GIRLS' GOLF

**F**ront: Shannon Phillips, Rachel May, Courtney Keilman, Megan Myers, Stacey Huppenthal. **B**ack: Coach Scott Campbell, Samantha Gold, Kelsey Keilman, Amy Bugajski, Janny Kielne, Ashley Steuer.

## A QUALIFIED SUCCESS

Megan Myers, the team's top best golfer, qualified for Regionals, but didn't place well enough to reach the state tournament. Her second place finish at sectionals earned her the berth in the regional tourney.



### EYE ON THE BALL

No course was too hard for Shannon Phillips to master. She said she was proud of an eagle she made on hole number 12 of the home Monastery course. Phillips was ranked second on the team, close behind Megan Myers.



### WALK WITH ME

Long walks from hole to hole under the hot sun could be grueling. Stacey Huppenthal made the best of the weather, though, and tried to not let it interfere with her game.



### TEE TIME

Whether lining up the putt on the green or teeing off, Rachel May plays her typical round of golf. Moy moved up to the varsity level for her senior year and made her scores hold up among her teammates.

### TEAM SCORES

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Season record: | 13-4 |
| PCC Record:    | None |

| (low score wins)    |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Lake Central invite | 4th of 11 |
| K. V. Invite        | 4th of 20 |
| Rensselaer invite   | 8th of 20 |
| Marquette invite    | 6th of 9  |
| Loborte invite      | 4th of 16 |
| Lowell              | 196-223   |
| Crown Point         | 217-186   |
| Lake Central        | 195-217   |
| Lowell              | 195-212   |
| Portage             | 183-180   |
| Hobart              | 183-201   |
| Munster             | 201-199   |
| Boone Grove         | 198-252   |
| Colument            | 198-245   |
| Bishop Noll         | 195-206   |
| Rock Lake Valley    | 210-210   |
| Merrittiville       | 213-217   |
| Colument            | 200-252   |
| Hobart              | 204-199   |
| Wheeler             | 204-229   |
| North Newton        | 212-282   |
| Merrillville        | 190-233   |
| Seulaulusia         | 4th of 13 |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

**MEGAN MYERS**  
Most Valuable Player  
Lowest Putting Percentage

**STACEY HUPPENTHAL**  
Mental Attitude Award

**AMY BUGAJSKI**  
Co-Most Improved Award

**ASHLEY STEIFR**

Co-Most Improved Award

# NEW KIDS IN TOWN

By Mike Dobin • Photo by April Barnes

**W**ITH A NEW COACH at the helm, the junior varsity boys' volleyball team showed coach Kelly York how well the team could play. The rambunctious group tried taking control of practice since they had a new coach, but didn't get far because phys. ed. teacher Ron Szanyi was there helping with conditioning and conduct.

Justin Wilson said it was all worthwhile. "I like volleyball. I really, really, really like volleyball," he said. "The reason I like volleyball so much is because it's a fun thing for me to do."

Andy Shanks said, "Nothing is funnier than thwapping the ball as hard as you can. It's even more rewarding when someone's glasses break in the process."

## BREAKING THROUGH

When the varsity had some openings for a few JV players to fill in, Shanks moved to varsity for a few games. His teammates cheered him on, even if he was sitting on the bench.

Sam Van Lear said jokingly, "My favorite volleyball recollection was when we warmed up and I got to bust out my Hercules-like power for all the ladies."



## BOYS' JV VOLLEYBALL

**Front:** Sam Van Lear, Josh Lawrence, Nate Jackson, Mark Myszkowski, Drew Schwalm. **Middle:** John Benson, Justin Wilson, Jake Huppenthal, Andy Shanks, James Anderson. **Back:** Kyle Sobkowicz, Scott Gorny, Mickey Grajski, Mike Wendlinger, Craig Myers. **Not Pictured:** Coach Kelly York.



## READY, SET, SERVE!

Not everything can be fun and games. Jake Huppenthal and the rest of his team had to warm-up their arms with a little serving practice to get back into the swing of things.

## WHAT A MISS

The worst thing in volleyball is not losing. It is missing the ball. Although the ball barely passes by Jake Huppenthal's shoulder, teammate Kyle Sobkowicz was right there to back him up with a save.

## WORKING TOGETHER

Teamwork is the advantage every team strives for and JV players work hard to put it into practice. In executing a double block, Jake Huppenthal and Mickey Graliski worked together to keep the ball from crossing the net in a VolleyCat tourney match.



## UP AND OVER

Before every point is awarded there must be a serve. Kyle Sobkowicz made a straight, clean serve that ended in scoring a point for the Wildcats even though they still lost the game.

## TEAM SCORES

| Season Record  | 5-7 |
|----------------|-----|
| PCC Record     | 3-5 |
| Morgan         | 2-1 |
| LaCrosse       | 1-2 |
| Boone Grove    | 2-0 |
| Kouts          | 0-2 |
| LaCrosse       | 1-2 |
| Washington Twp | 2-0 |
| Kouts          | 1-2 |
| Boone Grove    | 1-2 |
| Morgan         | 2-0 |
| Hebron         | 0-2 |
| PCC Tourney    | 2-1 |
| Boone Grove    | 0-2 |
| Knights        |     |

### SPIKE THAT BALL

"Always keep your eye on the ball and don't drop the ball," is exactly what Mike Dobin said he was thinking as he spiked the volleyball just past a double block.

### TEAM SCORES

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Season Record: | 4-9 |
| PCC Record:    | 1-7 |

VolleyCat Tourney

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| LoCrosse        | 2-0 |
| Wheeler         | 1-2 |
| Boone Grove     | 1-2 |
| Kouts           | 2-0 |
| Washington Twp. | 1-3 |
| Wheeler         | 1-3 |
| LoCrosse        | 2-2 |
| Morgan Twp      | 1-3 |
| Hebron          | 1-3 |
| Kouts           | 2-3 |
| Boone Grove     | 0-3 |
| PCC Tourney     |     |
| Boone Grove     | 3-2 |
| Washington Twp  | 1-3 |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

BILLY RICKY

All-Conference  
Setting Award  
Most Valuable Player

CHRIS BOHLING

Mental Attitude Award

MIKE DOBIN

Most Improved  
Offense Award

DOUG BILINSKI

Defense Award

TODD SHEEHY

Serving Award

### A TALL ORDER

Timing is everything as Adam Suarez stretches for a kill against Wheeler in the VolleyCat tourney. The team reached the finals, but the Bearcats prevailed.



### SAVE OF THE NIGHT

Quick reaction results in a great save as Doug Billinski maintains a strong defensive position. Chris Bohling ran to back-up his teammate just in case Billinski missed the ball.

## HEADS UP

Focused on the serve, setter Billy Rickey and attacker Todd Sheehy anticipate the serve. Rickey was the team's "quarterback" for three seasons and earned MVP and All-PCC honors.



## SPIKING IT UP

By Mike Dobin • Photos courtesy of Liz Bilinski

**T**WO VARSITY VOLLEYBALL players stood out when it came to overall skill. Setter Billy Rickey earned a spot on the All-PCC team for his setting skills. Jeff Johnson was the best hitter among all seniors on the team. Whether he was in the front row or back, Johnson usually nailed a crowd-pleasing hit.

### STEPPING UP

Throughout the season, players stepped up when the team was in trouble. Adam Suarez turned out to be a great middle hitter and blocker. Some other players were Mike Mitchell, Chris Bohling, and Jeremy Peterson who stepped onto the court when the varsity back row started to fall apart.

### THE SOUND OF AWE

Cheered by friends, family, and the girls' volleyball team at PCC the squad went out with a bang. Many coaches said they were awed by how sound team was as they defeated Boone Grove, the defending champs, in the first round. However, they lost to Washington Township in the semi-final match.



### BOYS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

**Front:** Billy Rickey, Doug Bilinski, Jeremy Peterson, Todd Sheehy. **Middle:** Jeff Johnson, Mike Mitchell, Adam Suarez, Andy Mulder. **Back:** Coach Steve Gustas, Brandon Hegg, Mike Dobin, Dave Plotz, Chris Bohling.

# OVER THE TOP

By Jace Pfeifer • Photos by April Barnes & Mike Dobrin

**W**ITH 20 WINS and only five losses, the girls' junior varsity volleyball team stormed through their schedule. They dominated the Porter County Conference with seven straight wins and no losses, and capped the conference action with a PCC Tourney championship.

## GETTIN' A KICK OUT OF IT

Veteran coach Ann Thompson continued her successful run in coaching the team and had a sense of humor while doing it. "(Coach) Thompson was an awesome coach and when we'd mess up she would jokingly throw her shoe at us," Samantha Plant said.

## PULLIN' THROUGH

Plant added, "I was shocked when we pulled together and came through to beat Boone Grove in the third round of the championship game!... I was (also) impressed by Andria Trock's spiking in the championship game."



### GIRLS' JV VOLLEYBALL

**Front:** Samantha Plant, Traci Van Gundy, Kelci Adam, and Jill Sjoerdsma. **Middle:** Nicole Chmielewski, Joy Pendleton, Andria Trock, Melissa Steuer, and Sarah Jackson. **Back:** Coach Ann Thompson, Tiffany Skorupa, Anna Turturillo, and Heather Rebenack.

## WORKING ON PERFECTION

Before each game, both teams are given time to perform many different warm-up drills. Melissa Steuer prepares by hitting hard spikes over the challenging defenders that are in front of her.



## SETTING UP

Concentrating on setting up one of the hitters, Kelci Adam gently places the ball close to the net. Adam was mainly a back row defender, but sometimes took on the challenge of being a setter.



## SUPER SERVER

Samantha Plant wows the crowd with her serving in the Hebron home match. She was the JV's top server. "Being only a freshman on JV was rough, but I managed to get along with the team and improved my serving greatly," Plant said.



## ROOFED

Laying down a strong block is tough, but Anna Turturillo made her kill block look easy.

## FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

**Front:** Brittney Ribicki, Jasmine James, Felicia Myers, Brandy Flores, Rachel Muncy  
**Back:** Ashley Stenger, Nicole Berg, Samantha Camus, Coach Joann Heldt, Rachel Stinson, Amanda Wimmer.

## JV TEAM SCORES

Season Record: 20-5  
PCC Record: 7-0

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Govil                | 1-2 |
| Closk                | 9-1 |
| South Newton         | 2-0 |
| Lowell               | 0-0 |
| Crown Point          | 3-1 |
| River Forest         | 2-0 |
| Griffith             | 5-1 |
| North Newton         | 3-2 |
| Beecher              | 2-0 |
| River Forest Tournay | 2-0 |
| Whiting              | 2-0 |
| Calumet              | 0-2 |
| Boone Grove          | 2-0 |
| LoClose              | 2-0 |
| Wheeler              | 0-2 |
| Washington Township  | 2-1 |
| Kouts                | 2-1 |
| Morgan Township      | 2-0 |
| PCC Tournay          | 2-0 |
| Hebron               | 2-0 |
| Kouts                | 2-0 |
| Boone Grove          | 2-1 |
| Hebron               | 2-0 |
| South Central        | 2-0 |
| Calumet              | 2-0 |
| Whiting              | 2-0 |

## FRESHMAN TEAM SCORES

Season Record: 5-6  
PCC Record: None

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Wheeler             | 2-0 |
| Beecher             | 0-2 |
| Hebron              | 1-2 |
| North Newton        | 2-0 |
| Robert              | 0-2 |
| Govil               | 2-1 |
| Washington Township | 2-1 |
| Boone Grove         | 0-2 |
| Griffith            | 0-2 |
| Lowell              | 1-2 |
| North Newton        | 2-0 |

# POWER PLAY

By Mike Dobin • Photos by April Barnes & Jace Pfeifer

**W**ITH THE GIRLS KEEPING veteran coach Carol Grady going, the varsity girls volleyball team maintained a sound game. Attackers Jill McElmurry and Alisha Staley, as well as setters Rachel Williams and Kristan Schwalm combined to play as one.

"Practice doesn't make perfect, but practice makes permanent," Kelly Lapota said. This was one of many motivational quotes offered up by Coach Grady. But like so many athletes, the girls were somewhat superstitious when it came to game time. "We always sat in the same order and sang our number song for good luck each game," Lindsay Schaufele noted.

## CONSOLATION PRIZE

Backed by close friends and family, the team took second place in the PCC Tournament, losing only to the Washington Twp. Senators. Their efforts earned three players, Jill McElmurry, Alisha Staley, and Trisha Sheehy, All-PCC honors. McElmurry also earned the conference Mental Attitude Award.



## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

**Front:** Rachel Williams, Jaclyn Klenzle, Lauren Kaper, Trisha Sheehy. **Middle:** Alisha Staley, Kristan Schwalm, Kelly Lapota. **Back:** Coach Carol Grady, Jill McElmurry, Lindsay Schaufele, Christie Wick.

## THE EXECUTIONER

Jumping, diving, blocking, and hitting the ball with all your might are what this sport is all about. Jill McElmurry did all of this and more in a season which she was named PCC Co-MVP.



### **ABSOLUTELY FLOORED**

Win or lose these girls always walk away with a smile, even after making moves like this. As Kelly Lapota dived to bump the ball, her teammate, Rachel Williams, came forward to send the volleyball soaring over the net and scoring a point. Unfortunately the Lady Wildcats still ended up losing to Wheeler.



### **NEAR MISS**

Working as a team with just six players allowed on the court is challenging enough when the ball soars over the net, only to be returned a second later. As the ball falls towards the floor Trisha Sheehy and Alisha Staley work together to keep it off the floor. Sheehy made the save and sent it flying over net, causing the other team to miss the ball as it fell to the ground.



### **KILLER INSTINCTS**

Setting the ball to a specific spot on the court is one of the hardest skills to learn in volleyball. A truly good setter, Rachel Williams runs the offense and knows when to call for backsets, quick sets, and shoot sets.

### **TEAM SCORES**

| Season Record:      | 2010 |
|---------------------|------|
| PCC Record:         | 5 2  |
| Gov't               | 3-0  |
| Clark               | 3-0  |
| South Newton        | 3-0  |
| Lowell              | 0-3  |
| Crown Point         | 6-0  |
| River Forest        | 3-0  |
| Geffin              | 3-0  |
| North Newton        | 3-0  |
| Beecher             | 2-0  |
| Washington Twp      | 2-0  |
| Forth Wayne Carroll | 1-0  |
| Northwood           | 0-2  |
| Dekalb              | 2-0  |
| Wheeler             | 0-3  |
| Morgan Twp.         | 3-0  |
| Hebron              | 3-0  |
| Kouts               | 1-1  |
| Boone Grove         | 0-3  |
| South Central       | 5-0  |
| Colmet              | 3-0  |
| PCC Tourney         | 3-1  |
| Kouts               | 3-1  |
| Boone Grove         | 3-0  |
| Washington Twp      | 3-0  |
| Whiting             | 3-1  |
| Wheeler             | 3-0  |

### **SETTLING FOR THE BEST**

JILL McELMURRY  
Offensive Player Of The Year  
Setting Award  
Team and PCC MVP

CHRISTIE WICK  
Mental Attitude Award

LAUREN KAPER  
Most Improved

TRISHA SHEEHY  
Defensive Player Of The Year  
All-Conference

ALISHA STALEY  
All-Conference

# REALLY NEW GOALS

By Nick Whitfield • Photos by April Barnes & Jace Pittner

**T**HE GIRLS' JV SOCCER TEAM won just one game, but at least they had a chance to play. The boys' JV team showed great potential in the first year for any soccer programs at Hanover. Naturally, the players had little or no experience unless they had played in a local club.

"We actually tried to be good, even though we only won one game," Christy Bader said, "plus it was so funny when we would do one little thing good and coach would cry. We didn't fight at all, either, and got along well which really helped."

## FUN FOR ALL

Vanessa Favela said, "When we first started the season, some of us didn't know what we were doing, but we all learned something new each practice and each game we played, our coach was the best."

The guys also focused on getting some experience—and food. Kyle Eastling said, "Our team was tons of fun, but practice was grueling and difficult and very educational. Sometimes Coach Krager bought us pizza."



## GIRLS' JV SOCCER

**Front:** Vanessa Favela, Amy Brightwell, Molly Wagener, Kandise Lindley, Martha Hackett, Jenny James. **Middle:** Krysta Rickey, Holly Myszkowski, Dawn Marculaitis, Evie Surprise, Rebecca Csikos, Alyssa Barrera. **Back:** Coach Robin Hofer, Danielle Hill, Lara Horan, Christy Bader, Stephanie Skarwecki, Stacy LaTulip.

## SAVING THE DAY

Goalie Wyatt Vukobratovich passes the ball back into play after an impressive dive to block a score. Vukobratovich tallied 48 saves for the Wildcats in their first year of play.





#### KICKING TO PLAY

Tommy Stanley kicks the ball back into play on a goal kick, hoping to pass the ball to one of his teammates. Tom played defense with one goal and one assist.

#### NO MERCY KICKING

With the adrenaline pumping through her veins Krysta Rickey makes a powerful passing kick to her teammate Stephanie Skarwecki. This masterful kick later resulted in a score, even though the girls still lost.



#### BOYS' JV SOCCER

**Front:** Jake Hasselgren, Chris Granger, Matt Kozlowski, Greg Elbaor, George Petrov. **Row 2:** Ryan Meehan, Jason Mantel, Tom Stanley, Danny Ledonne, Joe McClymont, Eddie Nawrocki. **Row 3:** Tim Doblin, Kyle Eastling, Kris Stojanovski, Tony Pettit, Kyle Sobkowicz. **Back:** Coach Steve Krager, Scott Krager, Zach Wajvoda, Wyatt Vukobratovich, Scott Deatherage, Dan Kozlowski.

#### BOYS' JV SOCCER TEAM SCORES

Season Record 2-4-3

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Griffith        | 4-1 |
| M. C. Marquette | 0-9 |
| Hebron          | 4-2 |
| Wheeler         | 2-2 |
| East Chicago    | 0-9 |
| Hebron          | 3-3 |
| Beecher         | 3-5 |
| Boone Grove     | 0-0 |
| Lowell          | 1-3 |

#### GIRLS' JV SOCCER TEAM SCORES

Season Record 1-7-1

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| East Chicago  | 1-12 |
| Michigan City | 0-6  |
| Hebron        | 0-4  |
| Wheeler       | 1-5  |
| Boone Grove   | 0-2  |
| Munster       | 0-7  |
| Hebron        | 2-2  |
| Westside      | 6-1  |
| Griffith      | 1-3  |

# BEST IN STATE

By Heather Vuletic • Photos by Sean Mitchell

**T**HE POM CATS SCORED HIGHER than ever in the IHSDTA competitions. With many morning, afternoon, and day practices coach Colleen Darnell brought them to the top. Scoring first place in five competitions, regionals, and state, the girls understood how much their practices payed off. As state champions in Division 3 Poms, the girls will move to a higher division of competition in the future.

Captains included seniors Krystle Reh and Annie Previs. Reh stated, "The girls were more connected like a family which I believe helped us to work better as a team."

Staff consisted of senior Megan McGovern, and juniors Kelly Hudak and Lauren Shelby. "This last year has been great. I have never been this close to a team before. We have had our ups and downs, but overall we've had a great year. I'm so proud of each and every one of you! I'm still in shock from winning all of our competitions, especially state. This is by far my most memorable year in poms," Hudak said, "I love you girls!"



## POMS

**Front:** Annie Previs, Krystle Reh, Kelly Hudak. **Row 2:** Danielle Hill, Danielle Higby, Martha Hackett, Lauren Shelby, Melissa Duffy, Kelsey Fortner, Sara Geraci, Samantha Camus. **Row 3:** Sarah Brewster, Amanda Hildebrandt, Adriana Carrasco. **Back:** Kelsey Kelman, Heather Vuletic, Megan McGovern, Stacy Latulip, Alexis James.

## PLEASING PERFORMANCE

Kelsey Fortner shows off her sportsmanship with awesome facials at an IHSDTA competition.



### HELPING HAND

Sara Geraci gets help from one of her fellow teammates to prepare herself for the competition routine.



### STATE CHAMPS

The Poms Cats show off their first place state trophy. **Front:** Krystle Reh and Annie Previs. **Middle:** Samantha Camus, Kellie Rauguth, Danielle Higby, Martha Hackett, Megan McGovern, Heather Vuletic, and Kelly Hudak. **Back:** Lauren Shelby, Stacy Latulip, Sara Geraci, Stephanie Potter, Coach Caleen Darnell, and Kelsey Fortner.

### RETRO ROCKER

Mr. Previs is the star dancer for "The Wanderer." He really entertained the crowd, making his Pom daughter, Annie, proud.



# CHEER CHAMPS

By April Barnes • Photos by Jessica Douglas

**N**OT ENOUGH CAN BE SAID TO describe how much time, dedication, and heart the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders put in to every cheer and routine they performed. These were just some of the factors that the cheerleaders possessed that helped them and pep block to win the PCC Spirit Award at the boys' varsity conference basketball tournament.

## NEW SURPRISES

The JV and varsity squads were very excited to win this award since it was the first time the cheerleaders and pep block had won the award in the history of the school.

## WORKING TOGETHER

"We worked with pep block a lot. We taught them hand motions to go along with their cheering," Sylvia Darden said. "We also took a different approach to our cheering. Instead of traditional cheer moves that all cheerleaders did, we made our cheer moves more dance-oriented."



**JV CHEERLEADERS**

**Front:** Nicole Beatty, Brittany Ribicki, Christina James. **Back:** Rachael Hegg, Christina Shelton, Jesse Sawyer, Kara Maggi.

## HIGH HONORS

Winning the Spirit Award sent the cheerleaders' spirits even higher. JV cheerleader Christina Shelton said, "It was extremely special for us because it was the first year we won it and everyone was surprised because Boone Grove and the rest of the squads were really good."



### Fired Up!

JV cheerleader Rachael Hegg said, "The varsity boys get our spirits up by telling and showing us appreciation. It makes us feel important."



### Let's Go!

Varsity cheerleader Kelci Adam said, "We had a lot of fun and when we won the Spirit Award, it made things funner for us." The cheerleaders get the crowd fired up by leading the school song.



### VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

**Front:** Kelci Adam, Jenny Stevens, Jackie Sawyer. **Back:** Sylvia Darden, Brittany Irwin, Christa Olenick, Rachael Anderson.

# HOWE DID HE DO IT?

By Jace Pittier • Photo by April Barnes & Mike Dibbin

**"I HAD A GREAT YEAR** even though I had an injury and it had to be overcome," said junior Eric Howe. The week before Thanksgiving, Howe tore his ACL in his right knee. "I still remember when it happened," Howe said.

"I was wrestling Kyle Sobkowicz, and because our wrestling room is so small, one of the heavyweights rolled right up on my leg and it caved in," Howe told the TIMES newspaper. "It was a sharp pain and hurt bad. I knew something was messed up."

Howe thought he was out for the season, but two months later he was back and feeling better than ever. He was able to take second at regional, and then advance to state as Hanover's first state qualifier since 1995. With his ACL still torn, he wrestled at state.

Even though he lost in the first round, he remained positive. "If you work hard and give it everything you got, good things will happen," he said.

As for the team, coach Scott Campbell said, "They are improving every year and they did a great job." Campbell who will be leaving Hanover at the end of the year, had a great going away present: the team broke a school record for wins at 15-5 for the regular season.



## WRESTLING

**Front:** Cody Jenkins, Luke Previs, James Anderson, and George Petrov. **Middle:** Tim Dibbin, Kyle Sobkowicz, Eric Howe, Luke Besse, and Jeff Homans. **Back:** Brian Gley, Scott Gorny, Paul McKeague, Roger Vukobratovich, and Matt Santefort.

## HOWE AMAZING

In spite of his knee injury earlier in the year, nothing stopped Eric Howe from making it to state. Everyone was amazed that Howe even wrestled in the condition that he was in on the mat at Conseco Fieldhouse.

## TOUGH ACT

The Crown Point Invite is one of the bigger wrestling invitationals of the season. Sophomore Kyle Sobkowitz wasn't intimidated and didn't let his opponent up without a good fight.



## PRACTICING PERFECTION

Wrestling practices got tough towards the end of the season. Tim Dibbin gives Cody Jenkins a solid cross face to keep him under control.



### TEAM SCORES

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Black, Reynolds     | 15-5  |
| KCC Record          | None  |
| River Forest        | 72-6  |
| South Newton        | 59-10 |
| Culver              | 37-27 |
| North Newton        | 40-31 |
| South Newton        | 62-19 |
| Peotone (IL)        | 47-27 |
| Morton              | 49-24 |
| Pioneer             | 24-49 |
| Griffith            | 15-60 |
| Meriville           | 16-61 |
| Munster             | 28-51 |
| Bishop Noll         | 66-6  |
| Whiting             | 51-24 |
| Boone Grove         | 47-17 |
| Clark               | 64-17 |
| Whiting             | 48-39 |
| West Side           | 37-49 |
| North Newton        | 36-30 |
| St. Francis DeSales | 57-17 |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

#### ERIC HOWE

North Newton Duals Champ  
Reed-Custer Duals Champ  
Munster Champ  
Sectional Champion  
Regional Qualifier  
Semi-State Qualifier  
State Qualifier

#### BRIAN GLEY

North Newton Duals Champ  
Munster Duals Champ  
Most Valuable Wrestler  
Regional Qualifier  
Most Pins

#### ROGER VUKOBRAHOVICH

Most Improved Wrestler

#### GEORGE PETROV

North Newton Duals Champ  
Crown Point Duals Champ  
Reed-Custer Duals Champ  
Most Takedowns  
Sectional Champ  
Regional Qualifier

#### TIM DOBBIN

North Newton Duals Champ



#### HOME FAVORITE

Brian Gley controls the wrists as he has learned to do throughout the years. During the season the wrestling team had only one home wrestling meet and Gley made the most of it with a win.

#### LEADERSHIP

As a senior on wrestling team, being a role model to younger teammates was expected. Luke Besse gave it his all during practices and meets to be a good role model.

# SPARED PARTS

By Jessie Douglas • Photos by AP Barnes

**T**HE GIRLS' AND BOYS' bowling teams didn't win much, but the season wasn't a total loss. Among the most memorable moments were when people slipped and fell on their butts in the middle of the lane. Stephanie Hall added, "The thing I remember most is when we were at practice and Ryan Stuppy pulled his pants up like a nerd and he bowled like that. It's something I'll never forget."

## WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING

The two who were said by teammates to be the strongest players were Jason Strode and Alicia Anderson. Leeanna Ogle said, "I'm the worst player, but it was really fun even if I lost every time." But Heather Iwinski said, "Sports isn't always about winning. And if you lose, oh well, at least you can say you had fun."

## FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Alicia Anderson said, "It was more of a get together than a game . . . practices were more fun with all of us practicing together, but we did have to work at the same time."



**BOYS' BOWLING**

**Front:** Ryan Strode, Jason Strode, Robbie Ribicki, Matt Allen.  
**Back:** Ryan Stuppy, Mark Gardner, Jim Todd, John Benson.

## NO STYLE POINTS

Rolling a bowling ball down the lane repetitively can become very dull. Ryan Stuppy livens a practice by performing a rather unique bowling technique all his own.



### GIRLS' BOWLING

**Front:** Leeanne Ogle, Sorah Burgess, Courtney Irwin. **Back:** Alicia Anderson, Bridgett Rogers, Stephanie Hall, Andrea Perez.



### FINESSE MOVE

That right leg may swing out, but Jim Todd made it work for him. His confidence helped roll a good practice ball.



### NO FOOT FAULT

If someone is going to bowl, then they should have fun doing it. Jason Strode focuses on fun every time he stepped to the line.

### BETTER EVERY TIME

Coch Perez said, "Andrea (Perez) has improved her stance and it has become more flawless as she practices. Every practice has helped to improve her game overall."

### TEAM SCORES

Scores not available from the coaching staff.

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

Awards not available from the coaching staff.

# STYLE AND SUBSTANCE

By Heather Vuletech • Photos by Sean Mitchell & Ashley Hostetter

**I**T WASN'T ALWAYS JUST ABOUT STYLE. In fact, all that really mattered was substance. Of course, having a final score bigger than the opponent was a major concern of the boys' varsity basketball team. And they were successful a little more often than not. The team also set a school defensive scoring record, holding opponents to 1092 points on the year, for a 52.0 average.

## A LITTLE BLUE

"This basketball season was a season of high-expectations. We didn't come out of our season like everybody expected. The highlight of being off the court with the team would be the blue bus. Other people would make fun of it, but we made the best of it," Larry Pempel said of the mini-bus the team used for travel.

"Basketball is sweet. This year's basketball team started the season with a few tough losses, but we really pulled it together towards the end. The team spent a lot of their free time together and became more like a family," Jeff Johnson said. And that was more memorable than just the final scores.



## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

**Front:** Jeremy Peterson, Greg Shroka, Larry Pempel, Doug Bilinski, Kyle Whited. **Middle:** Jeff Johnson, Matt Jackson, Adam Suarez, Owen Goff, Bill Nordyke, manager Derrick Heitman. **Back:** Assistant Coach Dennis Pokropinski, Assistant Coach Mike Holobowski, Brandon Hegg, David Ploetz, Assistant Coach Keith Stevens, Coach Dove Uron, JV Coach Jerry Kelnzle. **Not Pictured:** Jacob Rush.

## A STRETCH FOR TWO

The 5'6" Jacob Rush shows off his 28" vertical leap as he scores his first two points after coming back from an injury. Jeremy Peterson provides a little backup for the junior.



### HE'S OPEN!

Jeffrey Johnson, Hanover's all-time three-point leader, gets open and calls Jeremy Peterson for the ball against a tough Wheeler team.



### NORTORIOUS D

As Greg Shroka "takes one for the team," Owen Goff moves aggressively to the basket. They helped the Wildcats to a 63-42 win over River Forest in the last regular season game.

### THE SET UP

Although he wasn't usually the point guard, Jeffrey Johnson sets up an offensive play



### TEAM SCORES

| Season Record       | 11-12 |
|---------------------|-------|
| Lake Station        | 78-41 |
| South Newton        | 40-42 |
| Hobart              | 88-79 |
| Washington Twp      | 39-36 |
| South Central       | 87-45 |
| Wheeler             | 47-66 |
| Hobart              | 45-54 |
| Lowell              | 38-53 |
| Whiting             | 55-45 |
| Boone Grove         | 50-52 |
| Beecher             | 76-63 |
| Hammond Gavit       | 57-62 |
| PCC Tourney         |       |
| South Central       | 43-16 |
| Boone Grove         | 55-57 |
| Morgan Twp          | 54-41 |
| North Newton        | 63-46 |
| LaCrosse            | 68-52 |
| Hobart Second Clark | 60-53 |
| Kouts               | 77-61 |
| River Forest        | 63-42 |
| Sectoral            |       |
| Wheelert            | 55-74 |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

OWEN GOFF  
Most Valuable Player  
Chairman of the Boards  
Most Improved Player

JEFF JOHNSON  
Offensive Player of the Year  
"Mr. Knowledge" Award  
All-Conference

JEREMY PETERSON  
Defensive Player of the Year  
Hustle Award

ADAM SUAREZ  
Hustle Award

MATT JACKSON  
Mental Attitude Award

BRANDON HEGG  
Leadership Award

DAVID PLOETZ  
Skills Man Award

### FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

**Front:** Jeremy Santefort, Matt Kozlowski, Joe McClymont, Nate Jackson, Drew Schwalm. **Middle:** Jake Huppenthal, Aaron Schillo, Tom Fetco, manager Derrick Helton. **Back:** Coach Dennis Pokropinski, Scott Krager, Cory Majka, Craig Meyers, Coach Keith Stevens. **Not Pictured:** Joe Angone.

#### JV TEAM SCORES

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Season Record  | 9-12  |
| PCC Record:    | 1-6   |
| Lake Station   | 25-24 |
| South Newton   | 34-43 |
| Hebron         | 36-43 |
| Washington Twp | 47-51 |
| South Central  | 50-43 |
| Hobart         | 23-42 |
| Wheeler        | 12-35 |
| Lowell         | 23-41 |
| Whiting        | 53-20 |
| Boone Grove    | 39-47 |
| Beecher        | 51-36 |
| Hammond Govt   | 43-29 |
| Morgan Twp.    | 45-48 |
| PCC Tourney    |       |
| South Central  | 57-35 |
| Hebron         | 42-39 |
| Boone Grove    | 28-48 |
| North Newton   | 52-32 |
| LaCrosse       | 28-29 |
| Hammond Clark  | 32-36 |
| Kouts          | 41-43 |
| River Forest   | 44-23 |



#### FRESHMAN TEAM SCORES

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Season Record | 6-14 |
| PCC Record:   | 3-2  |

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Morgan Twp.          | W   |
| North Judson         | L   |
| Boone Grove          | L   |
| Bishop Noll          | L   |
| Lake Station         | L   |
| Kouts                | W   |
| South Central        | W   |
| River Forest         | L   |
| Hammond Govt         | I   |
| Hebron               | L   |
| Culver               | L   |
| Geffin               | L   |
| Lowell               | L   |
| North Newton         | L   |
| River Forest Tourney | W/L |
| Kankakee Valley      | L   |
| Hammond Morton       | W   |
| Lowell Tourney       | W/L |



#### FAST PASS

Larry Pempek throws the ball to a teammate in the JV match-up with conference rival, Kouts. The Wildcats came up a bit short in the late-season game, 41-43.



#### TAKING WHAT YOU CAN GET

Not exactly a fade-away jumper, Billy Nordyke shoots over his Kouts JV defenders. The 6'2" junior forward was good enough to make the varsity roster.



## THE INSIDE STORY

Finding a gap inside the lane, Joe Varga sets up for two against Kouts. Varga also had 20 defensive and 21 offensive rebounds on the season, the third highest on the team.



## A BUMPY RIDE

By Jordan Skowronski • Photos by Sean Mitchell

**T**HE JV BASKETBALL TEAM started the season about even on wins and losses, but toward the middle of the season they started losing a lot of games due to loss of players because of injury and ineligibility the players told me. They picked up three new players during a mid-season try-out and they got their team back on track. At the end of the season the team was back as a full team and ended the season on a better note.

"We played our hardest in the fourth quarter and that made us to slip in a few games," Matt McGovern said.

### TEAM FAVORITES

Three of the JV players, Matt McGovern, Mike Wendlinger and Mark Myszkowski, talked about the players and highlights of the season. The players that hit the most three pointers this season were Jake Rush and Val Ploetz. Stephen Goff and Bill Nordyke scored the most points. Although there was no official award for this, the team considered Jake Rush to be the MVP. The best game of the season was against the Gavit some team members said. "We all pulled together and did what was needed," McGovern noted. All in all they had a pretty good season, he added.



### JV BASKETBALL

**Front:** Val Ploetz, Jacob Rush, Matt McGovern, Joe Varga, Kris Stojanovski, Eddie Nawrocki, Mark Myszkowski. **Back:** Manager Derrick Helton, Stephen Goff, Matt Allen, Mike Dobin, Eric Gross, Mike Wendlinger, Coach Jerry Kienzle. **Not Pictured:** Bill Nordyke.

# THE KUP RUNNETH OVER

By Sarah Kerick • Photos by Mike Dobin

**A**CCORDING TO COACH CHRIS YORK, the girls' varsity basketball team made a very successful season for themselves. They had high expectations, but started feeling they wouldn't meet them because of an 0-3 start.

The big turning point in their season, however, was when they shocked conference by taking the PCC Kup from Boone Grove in the PCC tourney opener. It was the most exciting game of the tournament and started the team on a hot streak. The girls eventually won the PCC Tournament and, as the first team to win it three times, they retired the Times' Gold Ball Trophy for the first time ever by any school.

While the team later lost the Kup to Boone in a rematch, no one could take away their joy of winning the championship.

"This has been the funnest year I have had since I have played basketball," Christy Wick said. "It was nice winning the Kup and the PCC Trophy at the same time. Even though we lost the Kup in the end, we will always have the PCC Trophy."



## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

**Front:** Heather Rebenock, Andria Trock, Christie Wick, Alisho Staley, Krysta Rickey, and Coach Tommi Boersmo. **Back:** Coach Chris York, Bess Copak, Rondyl Rohm, Jill McElmurry, Katie Burke, Korrah Adom, Katie Westerhoff, and Amanda Wendlinger. **Not Pictured:** Assistant Coaches Kelly York, Terry Heldt, and Joann Heldt.

## BIG FINISH

In their final PCC round robin game, Christie Wick rebounds and transitions to offense. The Lady Wildcats hit 80 percent of their three-point shots (4) in the game, pulled down 12 offensive rebounds, and grabbed 16 steals.



## NO SOPHOMORE JINX HERE

As a sophomore, Krysta Rickey took the point guard starting spot for the Varsity and proved herself. Rickey had speed as well as good ball-handling skills, which helped her get through any tough situations.



## ALL THE MARBLES

The girls won the PCC Tournament and retired the Times' Gold Ball trophy for the first time ever. The championship game went to wire when a foul was called against the Lady Wildcats, but it was ruled after the clock expired, giving the Hanover a 53-52 overtime victory over Kouts.



## PCC FAVORITE

Jill McElmurry receives her second PCC Mental Attitude award for the year after the PCC championship game. Her parents accompanied Jill on the court as she earned the conference award. She also won the PCC Volleyball Mental Attitude Award.



## TEAM SCORES

| Section Record:  | 11-14 |
|------------------|-------|
| Govil            | 35-45 |
| Winnipeg         | 39-55 |
| Lowell           | 49-55 |
| Hebron           | 73-39 |
| Kouts            | 55-57 |
| LaCrosse         | 28-76 |
| North Newton     | 56-42 |
| River Forest     | 58-25 |
| Momenice Tourney |       |
| Gibson City      | 44-58 |
| Peotone          | 68-38 |
| Paxton           | 62-45 |
| Crown Point      | 53-84 |
| Calumet          | 46-54 |
| Washington Twp.  | 45-29 |
| South Central    |       |
| PCC Tourney      |       |
| Boone Grove      | 42-40 |
| Morgan Twp       | 46-35 |
| Kouts            | 53-52 |
| Boone Grove      | 34-69 |
| Kankakee Valley  | 49-48 |
| Morgan Twp       | 48-38 |
| Sectional        |       |
| Boone Grove      | 63-68 |

## SETTLING FOR THE BEST

JILL McELMURRY  
1st Team Academic All-State  
PCC Mental Attitude Award

Most Valuable Player  
Free Throw Award

KARRAH ADAM  
All-State Honorable Mention  
Wildcat Award

KRISTIE WICK  
Three Point Percentage  
Rebound Award  
All-Conference  
All-Area Honorable Mention

BESS COPACK  
Two-Point Percentage  
Assists Award

KRYSTA RICKEY

Assists Award

# WE ARE THE CHAMPS

By Heather Twinksi and Jessica Douglas

**T**HE GIRLS REALLY WORKED AS A team to become the best JV team in the Porter County Conference. "We had a good year and it really shows that we're going to have a good year next year," Christy Bader said. Her confidence was well placed as the team went undefeated in PCC play.

## THAT'S SO FUNNY

Heather Rebenack said, "The funniest thing was when Christy Bader made a shot and she went to give the coach a high-five and Christy moved her hand." She added, "Coach came up to me and said that Christy went to give me a high-five and she moved her hand." They really worked together on the court as a team and they did great defense plays.

## LOVE FOR THE GAME

Samantha Plant said, "We worked real hard to get to were we are." Kristy Ostrowski said, "I love playing with all of the girls and they made all the practices and games really fun."



## JV BASKETBALL

**Front:** Samantha Plant, Molly Fairhurst, Kristy Ostrowski, Holly Myszkowski, Brandy Flores. **Back:** Anna Turfutillo, Christy Bader, Jenny Savickas, Heather Rebenack, Tiffany Skorupa.

## CLOSE UP

As Tiffany Skorupa captures the ball and goes for a lay up, she is covered by teammate Samantha Plant. The two girls worked together to make sure the ball went through the hoop.





#### GET OFF ME

Tiffany Skarupa tries to protect the ball on offense. Skarupa recalled, "It's hard when someone is pulling on you and you're trying not to hit them."



#### HIT ME, I'M OPEN

As Kristy Ostrowski looks for a good way to help score. Ostrowski said, "We worked so well as a team, and that's why we did so well."

#### TWO-POINTER

Shaoter Samantha Plant said, "Practices were hard but fun. Without practices we wouldn't be as good as we are."



#### TEAM SCORES

| Season Record: | 16-2 |
|----------------|------|
|----------------|------|

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| PCC Record: | 6-0 |
|-------------|-----|

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Gow             | 31-19         |
| Wheeler         | 37-13         |
| Lowell          | 36-24         |
| Kouts           | 47-23         |
| Hebron          | 37-11         |
| North Newton    | 49-26         |
| River Forest    | 40-22         |
| Lowell Tournay  | Munster       |
|                 | 25-31         |
| Crown Point     | 19-26         |
| Calumet         | 34-32         |
| Washington Twp  | 36-13         |
| South Central   | 45-28         |
| PCC Tournay     | South Central |
|                 | 42-18         |
| Hebron          | 49-31         |
| Boone Grove     | 49-30         |
| Kankakee Valley | 31-24         |
| Boone Grove     | 46-19         |
| Morgan Twp      | 43-19         |

# SWEET SIXTEEN

By Mike Dobin • Photos by Nick Yukon

**T**HE BOYS' GOLF TEAM ENJOYED A record-breaking season. They finished the season as a team winning a record 16 matches and losing just four. In addition to breaking the school record for season wins, they also had other highlights like going 3-0 in the PCC and placing second in the PCC Tourney. The four matches they lost in the season were only lost by a total of seven strokes, proving just how close they were to perfection. It was a fitting conclusion for Coach Scott Campbell's final season. The hard-driving coach planned to move to Indianapolis upon getting married in the summer.

As the team finished up at sectionals, the season still wasn't over for Joe Justak. Justak made it out of Sectionals and advanced to Regionals. Justak, as well as Andy Shanks, also were named to the all-conference team for their outstanding play.

"We won a lot of matches, broke a few records, and kept our cool most of the way. We had a 'golferiffic' season!" Shanks exclaimed.



#### BOYS' GOLF

**Front:** Nathan Jackson, Mike DeYoung, Brian Clettenberg.  
**Middle:** John Benson, Matt McGovern, Jake Rush, Andrew Metz, Chris Granger. **Back:** Coach Scott Campbell, Andy Shanks, Matt Davis, Joe Justak, Joe McClymont, and Aaron Schillo.

#### PUTTIN IT DOWN

Andy Shanks tries to concentrate just before he is ready to make a practice putt prior to a match.



### JUMP START

Matt Davis is off to a great start with the closest shot this game.



### PINNED DOWN

It's the least of Joe Justak's worries as he tries to get his ball back on to the green in order to score for the Wildcats on the home course.

### CHIP OFF THE BLOCK

After Brian Clettenberg makes the chip, he anxiously waits to see if it goes in.



### TEAM SCORES

| Season Record | 16-4 |
|---------------|------|
|---------------|------|

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| PCC Record | 3-0 |
|------------|-----|

(LOW SCORING TEAM)

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| River Forest    | 182-251   |
| Portago         | 162-164   |
| Morton          | 180-215   |
| Wheeler         | 170-189   |
| Kankakee Valley | 170-206   |
| Rensselaer      | 182-178   |
| River Forest    | 164-216   |
| M.C. Marquette  | 164-164   |
| North Newton    | 196-194   |
| Lowell          | 196-204   |
| Boone Grove     | 168-172   |
| North Newton    | 184-155   |
| South Newton    | 154-187   |
| Kouts           | 156-201   |
| Morgan Township | 156-205   |
| North Newton    | 164-171   |
| South Newton    | W-Forster |
| Lake Central    | 176-175   |
| Gillith         | 176-179   |
| Hobart          | 176-182   |
| Sectionals      | 5th Place |

\*Lost on fifth-man score.

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

JOE JUSTAK  
All-Conference  
Regional Qualifier

ANDY SHANKS  
All-Conference

TEAM  
School Record  
for most wins in a season  
(16)

# RELAY TEAM HURDLES RECORD

Story compiled by Key Staff • Photos by HR Imaging

**I**T WAS ONE OF THOSE YEARS WHEN some things went right and some things didn't. While the team didn't return to the top of the PCC, six girls earned All-PCC honors—three of them in two or more events. Katie Burke was unstoppable in the conference meet, taking firsts in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, then led-off the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. Heather Hayden and Krysta Rickey won All-PCC honors as members of the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. Holly Myszkowski joined the PCC squad with the 4x100 team, as did Christy Bader with the 4x400 team.

Two records fell as the 4x100 relay team of Katie Burke, Heather Hayden, Holly Myszkowski, and Krysta Rickey set a record pace of :51.9 at the Hanover Relays. They added another record at the PCC Meet a week later, with a :52.13 clocking. The new record finally surpassed the mark set 23 years earlier by a 4x100 team that included coach Janet Nietzel. The season pushed beyond sectionals for Rachel May who placed fourth in discus and advanced to regionals.



## GIRLS' TRACK

**Front:** Leanna Ogle, Beatrice Aguaya, Jenny Gansiarawski, Rachel May, Krysta Rickey **Row 2:** Nicole Berg, Ashley Hayden, Fallon Mirich, Katie Westerhoff, Karrah Adam, Holly Myszkowski, Rebecca Csikas. **Back:** Assistant Coach Sandi Brubaker, Natasha Cattrell, Katie Burke, Jenny Savickas, Amy Brainer, Christy Bader, Coach Janet Nietzel.

## FLYING FALCON

Fallan Mirich sails over the hurdle trying to win first place at the Hanover Relays. A unique event, the shuttle hurdles, is a tag-team style relay race with the runners alternating directions for each leg of the race.

## JUST GETTING STARTED

In her first event of the day Krysta Rickey completes a long jump effort at Hanover Relays. It was a busy day for the sophomore, who later ran on the sprint medley relay team and helped set a meet record in the 4x100 relay.



## THE KATIE KONNECTION

Katie Westerhoff takes the exchange in the front stretch from Katie Burke during their sprint medley win at Hanover Relays.



**TOEING THE LINE**  
Karah Adam settles into position while Katie Burke holds the starting blocks in place. The Lady Wildcats teamed with the boys' squad to retain their meet championship.

**TEAM SCORES**

| Season     | Dual Record | 6-4 |
|------------|-------------|-----|
| PCC Record | 5-2         |     |

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Kankakee Valley      | 34-89     |
| Hammond Gavit        | 86-30     |
| Boone Grove          | 87-75     |
| South Central        | 87-54     |
| Crown Point          | 34-89     |
| Hebron               | 85-67     |
| Merrion Township     | 73-48     |
| Wheeler              | 65-24     |
| Kouts                | 71-52     |
| Washington Township  | 56-67     |
| LuCrosse             | 101-18    |
| Hanover Relays       | 1st of 6  |
| Munster Invitational | 4th of 6  |
| PCC Meet             | 4th of 8  |
| Sectionals           | 8th of 12 |

**SETTLING  
FOR THE BEST**

**FALLON MIRICH**  
Outstanding Distance Runner

**KATIE BURKE**  
Most Valuable Player  
Outstanding Sprinter  
Mental Attitude Award  
All-Conference (4 events)

**JENNY SAVICKAS**  
Outstanding in Field Events  
"Rookie of the Year"  
All Conference

**NATASHA COTIRELL**  
Most Improved

**RACHEL MAY**  
Regional Qualifier

**HEATHER HAYDEN**  
All-Conference (2 events)

**KRYSTA RICKY**  
All-Conference (2 events)

**HOLLY MYSZKOWSKI**  
All-Conference

**CHRISTY BADER**  
All-Conference

**TEAM**  
4x100 School Record - 51.9  
Burke, Hayden, Myszkowski,  
Rickey

4x100 PCC Records - 52.13  
Burke, Hayden, Myszkowski,  
Rickey

# RE-STATE

By Luke Besse

**J**UNIOR HIGH JUMPER GREG SHROKA leaped his way back to the IHSA boys' state track meet in June. While he did not place, he used that to set a new goal.

"I surprised myself last year," the school record holder said. "Making it to state last year was a great accomplishment for myself. Now that I made it this year again, I'm looking to place this year that's my goal. Like last year, the only thought going through my head was just get over the bar and that's it."

Distance runner Chris Urena said, "My season started off pretty good: getting two medals at the NSR meets. As we started to get better competition my times went down and I started getting faster. The team overall did pretty good, except for the injuries towards the end of the season which took away some of our chances for a few wins. But I know we all tried our best and did all we could do." He certainly did his best, winning the 1600 at the PCC Meet to earn all-conference honors. The Dobin brothers, Mike and Tim, were All-PCC, too.

Also setting records were Mike Dobin with a :14.9 in the 110 high hurdles, Tim Dobin at :40.98 in the 300 Intermediate hurdles, and the 400-meter relay team of Tim Dobin, Scott Deatherage, Jeremy Peterson, and Greg Shroka. Their record time was :45.03.



## VARSITY TRACK

**Front:** Cody Jenkins, Sam VanLear. **Row 2:** Jace Pittifer, Val Ploetz, Mike Ells, Chris Urena, Jeremy Peterson, Danny LeDonne. **Row 3:** Scott Deatherage, Kris Stojanavski, Kyle Sabkawicz, Greg Shroka, Jason Mantel, Tim Dobin, Adam Arwaad. **Back:** Coach Chris York, Owen Gott, Tom York, Paul McKeague, Mike Dobin, Scott Garney, Matt Jackson, Scott Krager, Coach Steve Faulds.

## PRE-PREPARED PACE

Before his relay race, Chris Urena said, "After running the shuttle hurdles, coach [Faulds] gave me advice on how to run my next race." Of course, the veteran coach used the same technique with nearly all of his athletes.



## DOUBLE DUTY

Although most of his recognition came from his high jump skills, Greg Shroka was a key runner for the team. In fact, he helped set the school record in the 4x100 relay, once held by the 1990 relay team that included coach Chris York.



## PRECISION PASS

Danny LeDonne hands off to Sam VanLear as fast as he can in the middle of the exchange zone in the 4x100 event of the annual Hanover Relays. The annual event combines the varsity boys' and girls' team scores to determine the winner among the six competing schools.

## BODY ENGLISH

Junior Kris Stojanovski earned his first track letter. He also helped the team retain its Hanover Relays championship.



## TEAM SCORES

Season Dual Record 165  
FCC Record 6-6

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Kankakee Valley     | 91.32    |
| Hammond Gaynor      | 116.7    |
| Boone Grove         | 92.31    |
| South Central       | 112.11   |
| Crown Point         | 34.98    |
| South Newton        | 99.30    |
| North Newton        | 99.27    |
| Morgan Township     | 60.71    |
| Hebron              | 114.14   |
| Boone Grove         | 102.59   |
| Wheeler             | 102.5    |
| Kouts               | 92.40    |
| Hanover Relays      | 1st of 6 |
| Washington Township | 96.35    |
| LaCrosse            | 117.12   |
| PCC                 | 2nd of 7 |

## SETTLING FOR THE BEST

MIKE DOBIN  
All-Conference (110 MH, LJ),  
School Record 110-MH, 14.9  
MVP-Sprints

CHRIS URENA  
MVP-Distance  
All Conference (1600)

GREG SHROKA  
MVP Field Event  
School Record (11-6.7)  
All-Sectional  
State Qualifier

TIFF DOBIN  
Most Improved Award  
School Record (40.99)  
400-m Relay, 45.03  
All-Conference (300 IH)

SCOTT DEATHERAGE  
Mental Attitude Award  
School Record  
400-m Relay, 45.03

JEREMY PETERSON  
School Record  
400-m Relay, 45.03

### TEAM SCORES

Season Record: 27-7  
PCC Record: 7-0

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| River Forest        | 13-3 |
| Chesterfield        | 5-6  |
| Munster             | 0-5  |
| Bishop Noll         | 1-3  |
| North Newton        | 13-0 |
| Morgan Township     | 12-0 |
| Hebron              | 9-0  |
| Wheeler             | 2-1  |
| Lowell              | 1-4  |
| Beecher             | 1-5  |
| LaCrosse            | 11-0 |
| Hammond Clark       | 7-4  |
| Hammond Morton      | 6-0  |
| South Newton        | 4-0  |
| Kouts               | 3-0  |
| Rensselaer          | 13-3 |
| South Central       | 1-0  |
| Griffith            | 10-0 |
| Boone Grove         | 9-0  |
| Pioneer             | 4-0  |
| Lewistown           | 4-1  |
| McCullough          | 3-4  |
| Washington Township | 11-1 |
| PCC Turnney         |      |
| Boone Grove         | 1-0  |
| LaCrosse            | 2-0  |
| South Central       | 2-0  |
| Hammond Gavit       | 7-3  |
| Whiting             | 0-1  |
| Sectionals          |      |
| Boone Grove         | 5-3  |
| Bishop Noll         | 4-0  |
| Regionals           |      |
| Bremen              | 1-0  |
| Rochester           | 8-7  |
| Semi-State          |      |
| Indianapolis Scenic | 1-0  |
| State               |      |
| Clarksville         | 1-0  |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

AMANDA WENDLINGER  
All-State, All-Conference  
Most Valuable Player

BESS COPAK  
All-Conference  
Defense Award

KELLY LAPOTA  
All-Conference  
Offense Award

RACHEL WILLIAMS  
All-Conference

JACLYN KENZIE  
Mental Attitude Award,  
Honorable Mention  
Academic All-State

MEGAN MYERS  
Academic All-State

### SLIPPERY LITTLE DEVIL

Trying to keep a tipped ball in front of her, Megan Myers throws down her mask for better vision. The senior recorded a stellar fielding percentage of .989 with 176 put-outs through the first 30 games.

### LINE DRIVE

Under the watchful eye of coach Larry McMillen at third base, Krysta Davis slams a line drive against Boone Grove. The entire team hit the ball hard, as the Lady Wildcats defeated the PCC opponent, 9-0.



### COMING HOME

Shannon Phillips pounds out a hit against Boone Grove to drive in a run. It was one of five RBIs the .314 hitter had for the year. She also had a hit in two at-bats in the state championship game against Clarksville.

*See pages 164-165 for State Turney photos.*

## UNTOUCHABLE

Of her 21 wins, Amanda Wendlinger shut-out 19 teams. Through the sectionals, she had a stellar 0.068 earned-run average and gave up only 65 hits, while striking out 201. These numbers only improved as she led the team to Hanover's first-ever team state title.



## STATE CHAMPS!

Photos by Ashley Hostetter & Sean Mitchell

**W**ITH A 1-3 START AND OVER 20 GAMES to go, it didn't look promising for the Lady Wildcats, who were the 2003 state champion runners-up. Wildcat fans ached to see ace pitcher Amanda Wendlinger return to top form as she recovered from ACL surgery over the winter. Fans didn't need to worry, though, as the team scrapped its way through the season—all the way to a state championship.

Wendlinger not only recovered, she saved her best for last: a perfect game to lead the Lady Wildcats to Hanover Central's first state team title. She struck out 7 and walked none as she dominated Clarksville from the mound. She threw just 59 pitches for her 19th shut-out of the season. The night before, Indianapolis Sceicina did get three hits, but didn't score as the Lady Wildcats won the semifinals, 1-0.

Defense also played a key role in the state finals as Bess Copak and Kelly Lapota shined. Copak stabbed a sharp line drive in the third inning, and in the fourth charged a slow rolling ball and threw low to Lapota at first. Lapota grabbed the bobbling ball bare-handed, but hung on for a very close out.

"Our defense was very solid," Coach Larry McMillen told The Times newspaper. "These kids . . . played one of their best games in of the biggest games they're ever played. I am so proud of them."



### VARSITY SOFTBALL

**Front:** Krystina Davis, Amanda Wendlinger, Shannon Phillips, and Jill Spierdema. **Middle:** Rachel Williams, Samantha Plant, Jaclyn Klenzle, Danielle Hill, Bess Copak, Megan Myers, and Trisha Sheehy. **Back:** Coach Larry McMillen, Andria Track, Heather Rebenack, Christie Wick, Rachel Rebenack, and Kelly Lapota. **Not Pictured:** Stephanie Skarwecki, Assistant Coaches Larry Klenzle, Mike Granger, and Randy Myers.

# SPLITTING THE DIFFERENCE

By Jordan Sawasta • Photos by Sean Mitchell & Ashley Hostetter

**T**HE JV SOFTBALL TEAM POUNDED out a .500 season at 8-8, but many of the players said that even though it wasn't a winning season, they still enjoyed it very much.

"We had our ups and downs," Ashley Hostetter said, "but for the most part it was a great season. I will always remember the little blue bus because me and my friend Samantha just joked about the bus all the way to the game. It made us calm for the game."

## BASEBALL: 'BERY, BERY GOOD'

The JV baseball team stayed sharp, even winning the final five games. Three players, Mark Myszkowski, Jake Huppenthal, and Zack Wajvoda all finished the season with .600 batting averages or better. Mike Wendlinger, no slouch with a .541 average, said, "I think we had a good season. All of the team pulled together to make this happen."

"This season was the funnest season of them all," James Anderson added. "The whole team joked with each other all year and I think it was part of our success because it took a little tension off."



## JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

**Front:** Kelly Nurdyke, Rachel Muncy, Ashley Stenger. **Middle:** Danielle Piatreric, Kristan Schwalm, Ashley Hostetter, Samantha Plant. **Back:** Angie Warren, Rachel Stinson, Sarah Huffer, Danielle Hill, Brittney Ribicki.



## WAITING FOR SOMETHING BETTER

Freshman Samantha Plant has no trouble laying off a high pitch in her game against Boone Grove. By season's end she boasted a .395 batting average.



## JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

**Front:** John Gasior, James Anderson, Alan Martens, Jeremy Santefort. **Middle:** Matt Kozlowski, Kevin McNamara, Jacob Kint, John Kint, Craig Meyers. **Back:** Coach Gregg Ford, Jake Huppenthal, Mike Wendlinger, Cory Majka, Joey Angone, Roger Vukobratovich, Mark Myszkowski.

## DOUBLE DUTY

Though playing at first base in this game, Ashley Stenger also pitched for the Lady Wildcats, appearing in six games. She also was .407 from the plate with 11 hits in 27 at-bats.

## FIELD DIRECTOR

Because catchers must call for pitches and watch all base paths, sophomore Danielle Plahtarc uses her experience to master one of the toughest positions to play.

## JV SOFTBALL

Season Record: 6-8

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Chesterton    | 0-4  |
| South Central | 2-6  |
| South Central | 1-4  |
| Lake Station* | 20-5 |
| Kouts         | 5-9  |
| Hebron        | 12-2 |
| Wheelersburg  | 11-4 |
| Lowell        | 0-1  |
| Bishop Noll   | 16-2 |
| Bishop Noll   | 19-1 |
| Munster       | 0-10 |
| North Newton  | 7-10 |
| Griffith      | 1-4  |
| Calumet       | 13-1 |
| Boone Grove   | 17-5 |
| Morgan Twp.   | 6-5  |

\*Special Recognition for Team Sportsmanship from the Lake County Officials in this game

## JV BASEBALL

Season Record: 12-13

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Washington Township | 4-3   |
| Highland            | 2-14  |
| E.C. Central        | 14-7  |
| South Newton        | 4-10  |
| Boone Grove         | 5-3   |
| Kouts               | 8-7   |
| Griffith            | 6-11  |
| Griffith            | 15-14 |
| Lowell              | 2-8   |
| Hammond Morton      | 15-1  |
| Calumet             | 10-8  |
| Hammond Morton      | 11-10 |
| North Newton        | 13-9  |
| Gary West Side      | 15-9  |

Editor's Note: Due to the loss of our digital images, the Staff was unable to provide photo coverage. Though not the fault of the staff, we do apologize for our lack of photo coverage.

# THE NUMBERS GAME

By Heather Iwinski & Key Staff • Photos by April Barnes

**I**F BASEBALL WAS A GAME OF STATISTICS, how's this one for you: the Wildcats broke eight team records and 11 players broke or tied single-season hitting records in nine categories. Larry Pempel also broke pitching records for best winning percentage (.875) and hits per seven innings (3.46).

The result was one of the most exciting BatCat seasons in years. At one point the team rode an eight-game winning streak and defeated three state-ranked teams (Clark #1, 3A; Boone Grove #20, 2A; Kouts #5, 1A) during the season.

Though not Hanover's ace, Luke Besse tossed a no-hitter May 18 against Gary Wallace, striking out 15 and walking two. Billy Rickey came up big for the Wildcats going 3 for 4 with four RBI's and two stolen bases. Chris Bohling stroked two doubles, while Mike Mitchell reached base four times by either hitting or getting hit.

Sectionals began with a wild and wacky game against perennial favorite, Wheeler. After going back and forth and both teams committing several errors, the Wildcats prevailed, 9-8.



## VARSITY BASEBALL

**Front:** Billy Rickey, Larry Pempel, Jon Kint, Todd Sheehy, Jacob Kint, Luke Besse. **Middle:** Brian Gley, Joke Huppenthal, Roger Vukobratovich, Mike Mitchell, Wyatt Vukobratovich, Mark Myszkowski. **Back:** Coach Ron Szonyi, Chris Bohling, Dave Ploetz, Zock Wajvoda, Mike Wendlinger, Don Kozlowski, Jonathan Gostor. **Not Pictured:** Assistant Coach Greg Ford.

## CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

Mere seconds after hitting the ball, Wyatt Vukobratovich lets go of the bat heads for first base. Unfortunately, he was tagged out.



### ALMOST PERFECT

Larry Pempek pitches a no-hitter against South Central until the third inning. "I had thought that I was going to pitch a no-hitter game," Pempek said. He eventually gave up four hits, and had nine strikeouts for his sixth win.



### DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE

Just after a third strike, catcher Luke Besse sees the runner on second leaning a little too far too away. He threw to second for a double play in the third inning against South Newton.



### ALL-CONFERENCE

PCC coaches voted Adam Suarez to the all-conference team, along with teammate Larry Pempek. Suarez batted .433 for the season with an on-base percentage of .558.



### TEAM SCORES

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Season Record:      | 18-10 |
| PCC Record:         | 5-2   |
| Lowell              | 2-7   |
| Gary Roosevelt      | 0-3   |
| Gavit               | 2-13  |
| Clark               | 5-7   |
| Whiting             | 14-3  |
| Washington Township | 2-3   |
| Morgan Township     | 9-3   |
| Beecher             | 0-10  |
| Beecher             | 7-4   |
| Boone Grove         | 9-3   |
| Hammond High        | 11-1  |
| Gary West Side      | 5-1   |
| South Newton        | 6-1   |
| Gary Witt           | 5-3   |
| E.C. Central        | 12-1  |
| Kouts               | 7-6   |
| Hebron              | 0-12  |
| Colermet            | 6-2   |
| LaCross             | 15-5  |
| South Central       | 4-0   |
| North Newton        | 1-5   |
| Lake Wallace        | 10-0  |
| River Forest        | 16-5  |
| PCC Journey         |       |
| Kouts               | 8-11  |
| Gary West Side      | 6-2   |
| Lake Station        | 9-1   |
| Seachonians         |       |
| Wheeler             | 9-8   |
| Bishop Noll         | 0-10  |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

|  |  |
|--|--|
| LARRY PEMPEK   |  |
| Most Valuable Player   |  |
| Silver Slugger Award   |  |
| Honolulu Cy Young Award  |  |
| All-Conference   |  |
| Records - W/L % .875, Hits 43, Runs 29, Home Runs 10, Singles 30, Total Bases 66 |  |
| Batting Average .518   |  |

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| ADAM SUAREZ      |  |
| Gold Glove Award |  |
| All-Conference   |  |

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| CHRIS BOHLING       |  |
| Sportsmanship Award |  |

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| JAKE HUFFNAGEL     |  |
| Rookie of the Year |  |

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| WYATT VUKOBRAZOVIĆ |  |
| Most Improved      |  |

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| TODD SHEEHY              |  |
| Record - Hit by Pitch: 9 |  |

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| DAVE PLOETZ           |  |
| Record - Sacrifices 6 |  |

|              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| TEAM RECORDS | Wins: Season: 18                |
|              | Game Appearances: 933,          |
|              | Hits: 228, Runs: 182, RBA: 146, |
|              | Singles: 166, Doubles: 43,      |
|              | Hit by Pitch: 51                |

### NO FASHION STATEMENT

When asked why she wears pants under her tennis shirt Moggie Ryan said jokingly, "I don't like other people looking at my legs. I don't even like looking at my legs."

### MENTALLY TOUGH

The team's Mental Attitude Award went to Rondy Rohm. She also come in third place overall for the most wins as a singles player.



### TEAM SCORES

Season Record: 14-2  
(School Record)

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Hommond Gavit  | 4-1 |
| Gary Wirt      | 5-0 |
| Columbus       | 2-3 |
| Giffith        | 3-1 |
| M C Laramore   | 5-0 |
| River Forest   | 3-2 |
| E.C. Central   | 5-0 |
| Hommond Gavit  | 5-0 |
| Hommond Morton | 3-0 |
| Lake Station   | 5-0 |
| Hommond Clark  | 5-0 |
| Whiting        | 5-0 |
| Lowell         | 3-2 |
| Boone Grove    | 4-1 |
| Sectionals     |     |
| Boone Grove    | 3-2 |
| Crown Point    | 0-5 |

### SETTLING FOR THE BEST

1988 MHSAA MURKIN

Most Valuable Player  
Most Career Wins (42)  
Most Season #1 Singles Wins (13)  
Most Career #1 Singles Wins (25)

**RANDY ROHM**

Mental Attitude Award  
Tied Most Gannon Wins (9)  
@ #3 Singles

**LAUREN KAER**

Co-Most Improved

**TIFFANY SKORUPA**

Co-Most Improved

**KELLY YUKON**

Tied Most Career Wins (22)  
@ #1 Doubles

Tied Most Season #1 Doubles (11)

@ #2 Doubles

**AISHA STALEY**

Tied Most Season Wins (12)

@ #2 Singles



### WATCH OUT

As she plays a game Kelli Yukon works hard but also has fun at the same time. Tennis is part of enjoying it but also the fun of it being with her teammates.

## ALL-TIME BEST

Jill McElmurry set the school record for most career wins (42) at any/all positions, and most career wins (25) as #1 singles player, and most wins in a season (13) as #1 singles player. There was little surprise when McElmurry also was named Most Valuable Player by coach Greg Whitacre.



## GOTTA LOVE IT

By Heather Twinksi, Jessica Douglas, and April Barnes

**T**ENNIS IS A BLAST AND WE ALWAYS have something to laugh about at practice," Sam Yonke said of her season. "We all love our great fans that we get," she added. On a more serious side Alisha Staley said, "Everyone improved in some way this year either by the way they play or by their sportsmanship."

Team members agreed they had a good time with each other and the only down side was the weather. Either it would be really cold or really hot. Sometimes it was quite windy regardless of the temperature.

Kelli Yukon was determined however. "Even though it was my last year I still played my hardest and I even might have improved myself." Melanie Rosinko felt compelled to note, "If (coach) Whitacre wasn't our coach, I don't think we would be as good as we are. He is the best coach."

Randy Rohm said, "I think some of the funniest things that happened this year was when people would go for the ball and they would totally miss and land on their butts." Evie Surprise said, "At first I didn't think tennis would be that fun, but after a little bit of time, I fell in love with it."



### TENNIS

**Front:** Melanie Rosinko, Randy Rohm, Kelli Yukon, Lauren Kaper, Evie Surprise. **Back:** Coach Greg Whitacre, Jill McElmurry, Lindsay Schuffale, Tiffany Skorupa, Alisha Staley, Amanda Spindler.

#### AGING TO PERFECTION?

In his 35 years of teaching, John Gorball said he has never seen a dull moment. Instructing band never gets old to him no matter how good or bad the band is as a whole. Even though he has been in the school system for as long, he said he still enjoys coming to work everyday.

**W**hether you were playing paintball, the latest video games on the latest system, listening to music, or enjoying a cup of coffee in a friendly atmosphere, it could be said we just enjoyed our lives. Among the new changes a few things remained familiar. As we moved further into the new millennium some of the veteran, but most dear people, remained young at heart, including band director John Gorball and health teacher Carol Grady, with over 30 years of experience each.



*sOMETHING*

*sOMETHING*

**F**rom upgraded technology to major building renovations, there was something new at every turn. Math teacher Suzann Wright gave birth in December to a baby girl, while science teacher Robin Dillon followed in January. Pre-vocation teacher Kristie Bell, due in the Spring, gave the school family something new, newer, and newest.

#### MAKING NEW MEMORIES

Interacting with the little kids brings back youthful memories to Krystle Reh in Child Development class. The most important day for the kids, however, was when Santa (Adam Suarez) paid a visit, which made them joyous as well as a little bit afraid.

**old**  
**NEW**





#### EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Carrying around a baby got old to Suzann Wright, but taking care of the offspring was a whole new thing after giving birth to a daughter, Megan Margaret, the day after Christmas break began. It was also a new experience for her husband, Brett, an English teacher at Hanover. For the record, Mrs. Wright wanted a photo of herself during her pregnancy.

- Copy by April Barnes
- Photos and Layout by Mike Dabin

### KARRAH MARIE ADAM

Cross Country 9-12, Most Improved Runner (10), Basketball 9-12, Academic Award 12, Track 9, 11-12 Homecoming Court 11-12, Concert Band 9, National Honor Society 11-12 Student Council 9, 11-12 Class Officer 10-12 Key Club 9-12 DECA 12 Spanish Club 10-12 Superior Honor Roll, Top Medical Student 12



### GRAM PATRICK ALCANTAR

### ALICIA ROSE ANDERSON

Bowling 10-12, Concert Band 9-12 Art Club 9-12 Pep Band 9-12 Pit Orchestra 9-12



### RACHAEL ANDERSON

### ADAM GREGORY ARWOOD

Cross Country 11-12, All PCC 12, Most Improved 12, Basketball 9, Treck 11-12 All-PCC 12, Baseball 9-10, Environmental Club 12, Key Club 12 Spanish Club 10-11



### APRIL LYNN BARNES

Science Academic Team 10, Yearbook 12, Snowbell 9-12; Art Club 9-12, Thespians 9-12, Key Club 10-11; Academic Letter Winner 9, 11-12

### JASON MICHAEL BESSE

### LUKE ANTHONY BESSE

Wrestling 9-12, School Record for Most Wins in a 4-Year Career (103), Baseball 9-12



### DOUG S. BILINSKI

Volleyball 9-12 Most Improved 10, Defensive Player 11-12, Basketball 9-12, Baseball 9-10; National Honor Society 11-12, Student Council 9-12, Art Club 12, Environmental Club 9-12, Key Club 9-12, DECA 11-12, French Club 9-10.

### ELISABETH ANN BILINSKI

Cross Country 9-11, Track 9-10 Most Valuable Freshman 9 Century Club 10 Homecoming Court 12, Hoosier Girls State 11, National Honor Society 11-12 Student Council 9-12; Art Club 9-12; Class Officer 9, Key Club 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11 1st place Award for Christmas Mural Painting Scholarship for Valparaiso University, Art Award, Most Valuable Artist



### CHRISTOPHER GERARD BOHLING

Volleyball 9-12, Mental Attitude 12, Wrestling 9-10, Baseball 9-12, Homecoming Court 10, 12, Hoosier Boys State 11, National Honor Society 12, Student Council 10-12; Snowbell 9-12, Environmental Club 9-12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 10-11

### JOEL BORMANN

### MEREDITH R. BOURRELL

Art Club 9-12, Key Club 9-12

### MICHELLE BROWN



## CONNIE RENEE BROWND

Flags 9-12; Snowball 9-12; Environmental Club 10; Thespians 9-12  
Junior Miss 12; Key Club 12

## BRIAN DAVID BUKALA

Concert Band 9-12; Snowball 10-12; Pep Band 9-12

## KATIE MARIE BURKE

Cross Country 12; Volleyball 9-11; Basketball 9-12; All-PCC 12; Track & Field 10-12; All-PCC 9-10; Captain 12; Outstanding Sprinter 11; Environmental Club 10-12; Key Club 9-12; DECA 10-11

## JACOB CAMUS

## RYAN CARNES

## LILIANA CARRASCO

## CRYSTAL CORRINE CASEY

Snowball 9-12; Key Club 10

## ELIZABETH KRISTEN COPAK

Volleyball 9; Basketball 9-12; Softball 9-12; All-PCC 11; Best Defense Award 9; Offense Award 10; Regional Champs 11; State Finals 11

## CRYSTAL COPPAGE

## MELISSA DAHLBERG

## SYLVIA DARDEN

## KRYSTINA MARIE DAVIS

Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12; Newspaper Staff 10; Art Club 10; Environmental Club 10-12; Key Club 10-11; DECA 11-12

## SCOTT STEVEN DEATHERAGE

Cross Country 11-12; Mental Attitude 12; Basketball 9-11; Track 10-12; All-PCC 10-12; Baseball 9-10; Concert Band 9-12; Hoosier Boys State 11; National Honor Society 12; Pep Band 9-12; Environmental Club 11-12; Key Club 10-12; French Club 9-11

## JOSEPH RYAN DEENIK

Concert Band 9-12; Snowball 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Pit Orchestra 9-10; Thespians 9-12

## RYAN JAMES DIAZ

Art Club 10-12

## SENIORS NOT PICTURED

**AMANDA LEE ANDERSON**

**TOM JAMES SAMARGIN**

Snowball 12, Snowflake 12, Pep Band 11-12,  
Thespians 11-12.

**JOSHUA EVAN SELBY**

**MIKE STAPLES**

**ROBIN L. STOFFLE**

**ANTHONY WAY**

**JUSTIN ALLEN WYTHE**

Academic Team 11, Concert Band 9-12, Hoosier  
Boys State 11, National Honor Society 12, Pep  
Band 9-12

**RACHAEL ELIZABETH  
ANDERSON**

Cheerleading 11-12, National Honor Society 12,  
Snowball 11, Art Club 11-12, Environmental Club  
11-12, Key Club 9-10, French Club 9, Highest  
Academic Achievement in French I, All-Year Honor  
Roll 10, All-Year High Honor Roll 11, Academic  
Letter 11.

**EDITORS' NOTE:** Seniors were given several opportunities to return senior information sheets to the yearbook staff. All information received was published, though some editing may have been necessary due to length.



### GOOD LUNCH FOOD

"Yes, that's me grabbing an Italian herb and cheese sandwich loaded with all the best ingredients—yummy!" Rachael Rebenack said. "I enjoy being able to go out for lunch at least once a month."

### FAVORITE EATS

"We finally got to go out to eat out one day this year and me and Kellie went to our favorite place, Subway," Krystle Reh said. Kellie Raugh added, "Getting a little time to escape from school is ak with me."



## LOVING IT

"Even tough we don't get to go out to lunch every day it's still a lot better than all the rest of the schools that don't get to go out," Terri Houldeson said. "I haven't been going to this school that long but it's a pretty welcoming place."



## FEED ME

"School is very time consuming and it's good just to be able to have some time to ourselves and be able to go out to lunch and to act like fools with friends," Heather Hayden said. "It's so sad that it's our last year to be with all of our friends, so we've got to make every moment worthwhile."

## A LIGHTER LUNCH

By Heather Iwnski • Photos by Jessica Douglas • Layout by April Barnes

Seniors enjoyed every once in a while going across the street to have fun and enjoy being a senior. Not every day did seniors have the opportunity to be trusted to cross the street and eat after what some of the seniors last year pulled, but administrators gave the class a chance to prove seniors could be trusted. Until this school year, seniors were allowed to leave campus for lunch. Now, that privilege was granted sparingly.

Having a few days was better than nothing at all. When it was allowed, though, seniors enjoyed the escape. Seniors said having it everyday would have been better, but they saved money by not eating fast food everyday.

Rachael Rebenack said, "It gives me some freedom from the same week-to-week lunch schedule. Plus, it also gets me away from the annoying underclassmen. Senior lunch gives us a change from everything. We should have off campus lunch once or twice a week. Seniors do a lot more things than underclassmen, which makes going off campus special."

**JESSICA RENEÉ DOUGLAS**  
Yearbook Staff 12, Snowball 9-11, Art Club 9-12, Spanish Club 11

**ROB PATRICK ETTEMA**  
Swing Choir 11-12

**EDGAR FAVELA**



**SARAH FISHER**

**JOHN FLANAGIN**

**AMBER LYNN GIBSON**

Spell Bowl 9, Captain 9; Concert Band 9-12, Student Director, Student Council 9-12, Snowball 12, Pep Band 9-12, Environmental Club 12, Key Club 12, Spanish Club 11-12



**BRIAN PATRICK FRANCIS GLEY**

Wrestling 9-12, Quickest Pin (12 seconds) 11, Most Pins (15) 11, Most Pins (20) 12, Regional Qualifier 11-12, Track 11, Baseball 9-12, Sportsmanship Award 11, Madrigal Singers 12, Yearbook Staff 11, Student Council 12, Art Club 12; Environmental Club 10-12, French Club 9-10, Choir 12



**KRYSTA LYNNE GROSS**

Concert Band 9-12, Key Club 9-12



**BETH ELLEN HACKETT**

Snowball 9-12, President, Art Club 9, Environmental Club 9

**JOANNA HAMLETT**

**JONATHAN HARDESTY**



**ASHLEY MARIE HAYDEN**

Cross Country 9-12, All-PCCC 11, Basketball 9-10, Track 9-10, Concert Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12

**HEATHER ANN HAYDEN**

Cross Country 9, Basketball 9-10, Track 9-10, 12, Concert Band 9-11, Snowball 9-10; Pep Band 9-10

**BRANDON LENARD HEGG**

Volleyball 9-12, VolleyCet Champs 10, Basketball 9-12, MVP 11, Newcomer of the Year 9, Chairman of the Boards 11, Most Improved 10, Leadership Award 12, Track 10, Homecoming Court 9, 12, Student Council 9; Art Club 11-12; Environmental Club 9-10; Key Club 9-12, Honor Roll 9-12



KATRINA HEGYI

DERRICK MICHAEL HELTON

Basketball Manager 11-12, Track Manager 11

MEG'N HENKEL



GERALDO HERNANDEZ

JONATHAN HERNANDEZ

DANIELLE MARIE HIGBY

Pomcats 10-12, Snowball 9-10, Art Club 9-10, Environmental Club 11-12; Key Club 11-12; French Club 9-11



AMANDA LEE HILDEBRANDT

Pomcats 12, Student Council 10, Art Club 9-12, Environmental Club 10, Key Club 12, French Club 9-10

MARI CHRISTINE HOFER

Cheerleader 9-11, Cheerleading All Stars 9-11, Cheerleading Captain 11, Cheerleading MVP 11, Art Club 12, DECA 12, Spanish 10

STACEY HUPPENTHAL



HEATHER MARIE IWINSKI

Bowling 12, Concert Band 9-12, Yearbook 12, Snowball 9-11, Pep Band 9-15

MATTHEW JACKSON

JEFFREY JOHNSON



COURTNEY LYNN KEILMAN

Basketball 9-10, Golf 9-12, Spell Bowl Team 12, National Honor Society 11-12, Student Council 9-11, Snowball 9-11, Environmental Club 9-10, Class Officer 11-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Spanish Club Student of The Year 9

JACLYN MARIE KIENZLE

Volleyball 9-12, Serving Award 11-12, Mental Attitude Award 11, Basketball 9-10, Softball 9-12, Homecoming Court 9-12, National Honor Society 9, 11-12, Snowball 9-12, Environmental Club 10-11, Class Officer 9-10, Junior Miss 12, Key Club 9-12, DECA 11, French 10-11

EMILY ROSE KOSKELA

Snowball 9-11, Art Club 12, French 11

## WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

Willing to do anything for a friend. Adam Arwood climbs on top of the tire swing to take a picture for Danielle Higby, Kellie Raughut, and Krystle Reh. Each girl passed Arwood their cameras as he tried to balance and take the pictures.

# SWINGING INTO LIFE

By April Barnes • Photos & Layout by April Barnes

Senior Picnic was something that everyone would remember. Not just that it was cold and rainy, but as the last time to hang out with friends and enjoy what they had before it was gone. Many were going to college and not see each other for a while. Others went off to the military and, perhaps, face some uncertain global challenges.

Everyone wanted to leave and move somewhere far away and never come back. That was a little scary, too, now that becoming an adult was staring the seniors in their collective face. It was a time of real transition.

The picnic was something to enjoy. There was the usual picnic food, people playing basketball, scampering over the playground. In short, they turned into kids for the day knowing it might be their last chance.



**JUST A LITTLE MORE ROOM** Even though Tiffany Barker and Robin Stoffle were just complaining they were completely stuffed and couldn't eat another bite, they still managed to find room for a couple of cookies. Barker washes down her cookie with a pop as Stoffle finishes a cookie that a friend made especially for the day.



## A LAST GO-ROUND

It was time for these girls to slow down and rest after playing on the whole playground. April Barnes, Robin Stoffle, Amber Gibson, and Tiffany Barker all pose for their last group picture together during the senior picnic at Lemon Lake park.



#### SWINGING TOGETHER

It's truly fun to just relax and play like a kid again after so many seemingly endless years filled with tests and quizzes. Danielle Higby and Adam Arwood take their time out to play on the swings for one last time.



#### SLAM DUNK

Not everyone played on the playground equipment. Some of guys played basketball with their friends. Matt Michalski stands in front of Jeff Johnson as he dunks the ball into the hoop.



#### CLIMBING IS STILL FUN

Some of the other seniors decide to play on the playground equipment to have fun and pass the time. Both Krystle Reh and Anne Previs stop long enough to have a picture taken as they played upon the bridge.

**JAMES ANDREW KOZAK**

Academic Team 12, Band 9-12, Snowball 10-12, Pep Band 11-12  
Environmental Club 10; Thespians 10-11

**DANNY JOHN KOZLOWSKI**

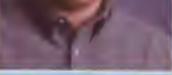
Basketball 9-10, Baseball 9-12, Most Improved 11, Soccer 12, Swing Choir 11; Snowball 9-11, Art Club 10-11, Environmental Club 9-12, Key Club 9-10, DECA 9-12, president 12, Spanish Club 9-11, DARE Role Model 11-12

**LESLIE NICOLE MALIK**

Pom Cats 11, Snowball 9-12, Art Club 9,10,12, Environmental Club 10-12; Key Club 10-12, French Club 9-11

**JAMES BRYAN MARTIN**

Key Club 11

**CORY MALON****TRACY MANESTAR****RACHEL MAY****RYAN MAY****THOMAS McCCLYMONT****JILLIAN ASHLEY MCCELMURRY**

Volleyball 9-12, PCC Mental Attitude 12, Best Offense 11-12, Outstanding Setter 12, MVP 11-12, All-PCC 11-12; Basketball 9-12, Momence All-Tournament Team 11-12; PCC Mental Attitude 12, MVP 12, Highest Free Throw 11-12, Highest Field Goal 11; All-PCC 11-12; National Honor Society 11-12; Student Council 12; Art Club 11, Environmental Club 10, Key Club 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12, Co-Valedictorian 12

**MEGAN ELIZABETH McGOVERN**

Poms 9-12, Best Attitude 9-11, Showmanship 9-11, All-American; Homecoming Court 10; Homecoming Queen 12, Swing Choir 10-12, Snowball 9-12, Key Club 9-12

**BENJAMIN MENTINK**



## JASON WILLIAM METZ

Golf 9-11, Academic Team 9-12, Fine Arts Team 10-12  
 State Interdimensional 11, Student Council 11-12, Environmental Club 11-12, Key Club 11-12, DECA 11-12  
 Spanish Club 11-12, Student Council 11, Band 9-12, Swing Choir 11-12, Madrigal Singers  
 11-12, Newspaper Staff 9, Harvey Award for Newswriting 11-12, Hoosier Boys  
 State 11, National Honor Society 11-12, Pep Band 9-12, Thespians 9-12,  
 co-president 11-12, Honor Thespian 12, Key Club 12, Spanish Club 9-12

## MATT EDWARD MICHALSKI

### FALLON MIRICH

## MICHAEL SCOTT MITCHELL

Volleyball 11-12, Baseball 11-12, Spell Bowl Team 10-12, Newspaper Staff  
 9, National Honor Society 11-12, Environmental Club 11-12, Key Club 10-11  
 Spanish Club 10-12, Honor Roll 9-12

## DARLENE MUNCY

### MEGAN GRACE MYERS

Golf 9-12, Most Improved 9, MVP 10-12, All-Area Golf 11, Softball 9-12,  
 State Finalist 11, Band 9-12; National Honor Society 11-12, Student Council  
 9-12, Pep Band 9-11, Junior Miss 12, Key Club 9-12, DECA 11, French Club  
 9-11, Co-Salutatorian, DARE Role Model, Lilly Scholarship Recipient

## LEEANNA OGLE

### ASHLEY ANN ORDWAY

Madrigal Singer 11

## JENAVIEVE LYNN OSTING

Madrigal Singer 9,10,12, Student Council 11-12, vice-president 12, Snowball 9-  
 11, Environmental Club 9,10,12, Key Club 9-11, French Club 10-11, secretary  
 10-11

## SHANNON PHILLIPS

### CHRISTOPHER PAUL PINKOWSKI

### JACE JAMES PITIFER

Track 12, Yearbook Staff 12, Student Council 11, Art Club 12

## DAVID PLASSMANN

### DAVID PLOETZ

## LESLIE LYNN POKRAJAC

Track 9-10, Cheerleader 11, Most Improved, National Honor Society  
 12, Snowball 9, Art Club 9-12, Environmental Club 11-12, Key Club  
 9-10, DECA 10-12, 2nd place District 10 12, Spanish Club 11-12

**READY AND WAITING**  
Karah Adam says her good-byes to Social Studies Department Chair Ann Thompson after she receives her diploma. Adam was ready to go to college, though, because she knew her best friends will be with her down there.

## THE FINISH LINE

By April Barnes • Photos By Mike Dobin

Commencement was one of the most important events in every child's life, at least from the parent point of view. From the kid's point of view, it meant release from school. Not every kid happened to think like that, though. For some, the event marked the end of one thing and the beginning of another.

"It was awesome to finally graduate," Tiffany Barker said. "I'm going to miss seeing all of my friends everyday. The one thing I'm going to miss the most is just being there."

Commencement signified the end of those sheltered high school years and the imposing journey into the "real world." While everyone went their separate ways, it was a change when many would blossom into adulthood.

"We will always have our memories that each person here has helped us to make. I know I shall always cherish the time I spent here at Hanover," April Barnes said. "I would like to say congratulations to the Class of 2004. We finally made it through."



**WITH A SMILE**, Joel Barmann is happy to finally graduate. Although he was sad for his friends leaving off to other colleges, he knows he will still keep in touch with them.



**MARTIN'S MOMENT**  
With a standing ovation while getting his diploma, Bryan Martin joins his mom as the ceremony ends. He walked all the way back to his seat with a smile on his face.

### TRIPLE TREASURES

Billy Rickey stands on stage, along with the other co-voaledictorians Jillion McElmury and Courtney Keilman, and speaks his part in the graduation ceremony. All three presented speeches to the Class of 2004.

### MAKING IT OFFICIAL

With a diploma in one hand and giving handshakes with his other to teacher Ann Thompson, Mott Michalski walks back to his seat so a high school graduate.



### HELPING HANDS

As close friends walk together, Jillion McElmury and Mike Mitchell have a good time talking about some funny stories. They made a good pact between themselves, if one fell the other was going down with them.



### A FINAL FLOURISH

Jim Todd is more than happy to receive his diploma from no one else than principal Joseph Fetty. Sometimes four years of high school can seem to take forever.

### **ANASTASIA PREVIS**

Poms 9-12, All-American 12, All-Star 11-12, Homecoming Queen 11, National Honor Society 11-12, Art Club 10-11, Key Club 9-10, French Club 9-10, Salutatorian 12

### **ROBERT PROUD**

Madrigal Singer 11-12

### **KELLIE MARIE RAUGUTH**

Poms 9-12, All-American 11, Gator Bowl Performer 12, Band 12, Student Council 12; Key Club 9, 10, 12, French Club 9



### **RACHAEL MICHELLE REBENACK**

Softball 11-12, Bowling 11, Snowball 10-11, Art Club 12, High Honor Roll 9-12



### **KRYSTLE LIANE REH**

Bowling 9-10, Poms 9-12, All-American 11, Orange Bowl Performer 11, Gator Bowl Performer 12, NHS 11-12, Student Council 12, Key Club 9-10, French Club 9-11



### **BILLY BRANCH RICKETY**

Volleyball 9-12, MVP 12, All-PCC 12, Basketball 9, Track 9-10, Baseball 10-12, Homecoming Court 11-12, Academic Team 9-12, Spell Bowl Team 9-12, NHS 9-12, Student Council 9-12, Environmental Club 11-12, Class Officer 9-12, Key Club 9-12, DECA 11, French Club 9-11, French Student of the Year 9-11, Valedictorian 12



### **RANDYL LYNN ROHM**

Basketball 9-12, Tennis 11-12, Junior Miss 12, Spanish Club 11



### **MELANIE ROSINKO**

### **DESIREÉ VERONICA SCHILLING**

National Honor Society 11-12, Snowball 10-12, Art Club 12, Environmental Club 10-12, Key Club 11-12, French Club 10-12



### **TRISHA JOLYNN SHEEHY**

Volleyball 9-12, All-PCC Athlete 12, Defensive Specialist 11-12, Softball 9-12, Most Improved 11



### **CHRISTINA ALICE SHELTON**

Cheerleader 12, Snowball 10



### **MICHAEL SMITH**



### **RYAN LEONARD STRODE**

Bowling 9-12, Band 9-12, Newspaper Staff 9-11, Snowball 9, Pep Band 9-12, Pit Orchestra 9-12, Thespian 9-10



### **LARRY ANDREW SUAREZ**

Volleyball 9, 11, 12, Basketball 9-12, Hustle Award 12, Baseball 9-12, Snowball 11, Environmental Club 11-12, Key Club 11-12, DECA 12, State Qualifier, French Club 9-11



### **RICHARD ROY SURPRISE**

Student Council 9-10, Environmental Club 10-11, Key Club 9-12, French Club 9-11



**JULIE TITAK**

**JAMES TODD**

**CHRISTOPHER ADAM URENA**

Cross Country 10-12; Hustle Award 11; All-PCC 11-12; Wrestling 11-12; Track 9-12; Most Valuable Distance Runner 11



**NICOLE VRANDECIC**

**WYATT VUKOBRAUTOVICH**

**HEATHER JOY VULETICH**

Poms 12; State Champions 12; Yearbook Staff 12; Junior Miss 12; DECA 11



**DOUGLAS MICHAEL WATT**

Homecoming Court 12; Key Club 11-12

**KATIE LYNN WESTERHOFF**

Cross Country 9-12; Most Improved 11; Hustle Award 11; Mental Attitude 12; PCC Mental Attitude 12; All-PCC Athlete 11; Basketball 9-12; Track 10-12; Softball 9; Homecoming Court 12; Swing Chor 10-12; National Honor Society 9-12; Environmental Club 10; Thespians 12; Class Officer 9-10; Junior Miss 12; Winner, Key Club 9-12

**NICHOLAS JOHN WHITFIELD**



**AARON WIENING**

**ANGELA MARIE WITT**

Band 9-10; National Honor Society 9-12; Student Council 9-12; Environmental Club 11-12; Key Club 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11

**JAMES ARTHUR WYMAN**

Cross Country 9-12; Swing Chor 9-12



**SAMANTHA LYNN YONKE**

Tennis 10-12; National Honor Society 9-12; Student Council 12; Key Club 9-12; Spanish Club 10

**KELLI JO YUKON**

Basketball 9; Tennis 9-12; Most Improved 11; Golf 10-11; Most Improved 11; Spell Bowl Team 11-12; Band 9-12; Environmental Club 10; Key Club 9-12; DECA 10-12; French Club 9-10

# FOAM FIGHTS

By Mike Dobin

**O**n weekends students tended to do a multitude of activities to fill their free time. One particular group consisting of Jason Metz, Sam Van Lear, T.J. Reme, Tim Scherer, Wyatt Vukobratovich, and Mike Dobin liked to gather at the Metz's house to have a fun filled night of NERF wars.

With suction cupped darts and foam arrows slashing across the room, the gang continued their crossfire until one team was eliminated. The rules of this game were easy: If you got shot you were out. NERF battles were a fond childhood memory for each of the warriors. Then it dawned on them—why not continue having NERF wars? Each agreed that being able to bring out the kid inside was definitely a great idea, continuing the sponge wars on the weekends when they all had some spare time.

The key skills needed were being able to aim and reload the gun fast enough. Another requirement to being good in NERF was stealth capabilities. This skill was useful from running to couch to couch for cover while not getting hit, or for lurking in the shadows waiting for the enemies to inevitably come.



## VERY SNEAKY

What Jason Metz doesn't know is that Sam Van Lear is about to release a fury of arrows. This definitely ended later in laughs about how Jason had no clue what was going on.

KELCI ADAM, 10  
BEA AGUAYO, 09  
MATT ALLEN, 10



JAMES ANDERSON, 10  
ELAINE ANGELL, 09  
DAVID ANGELUCCI, 10



JOE ANGONE, 09  
NICHOLAS ARWOOD, 10  
CHRISTY BADER, 10



NEIL BARNAT, 10  
JESSICA BARR, 10  
ALYSSA BARRERA, 10



TIM BARRETT, 11  
NICOLE BEATTY, 09  
CAMERON BELL, 10



JOHN BENSON, 10  
NICOLE BERG, 09  
MIKE BESSE, 09



MICHELLE BINDER, 11  
MARKATE BLANDFORD, 10  
RANDY BOYD, 10





AMY BRANER, 10  
SARAH BREWER, 10  
AMY BRIGHTWELL, 09  
AMANDA BRINK, 09  
THOMAS BROWND, 11  
AMY BUGAJSKI, 09



JON BUGAJSKI, 11  
SARAH BURGESS, 10  
JACOB BURROUGHS, 09  
ADAM BUSCH, 10  
JUSTIN BUSCH, 09  
COREY BUSH, 11



SAMANTHA CAMUS, 09  
ADRIANA CARRASCO, 10  
JESSE CHERBAK, 09  
NICOLE CHMIELEWSKI, 11  
MATTHEW CLARK, 09  
ASHLEY CLEMENS, 10



BRIAN CLETTENBERG, 10  
KRISTINA COLESKI, 09  
LANCE CONWAY, 10  
NATASHA COTRELL, 09  
SAMANTHA CRAWFORD, 09  
ANDY CRIBARI, 09



KAITLYN CRISSEY, 10  
ADAM CSIKOS, 09  
REBECCA CSIKOS, 10  
DANIEL CSUK, 11  
MICHAEL DARDEN, 09  
BRIAN DAVIS, 09



MATTHEW DAVIS, 11  
TRAVIS DE GRAFF, 10  
SAMANTHA DE GROOT, 11  
MICHAEL DE YOUNG, 09  
MICHAEL DEBOER, 09  
JERRITT DEENIK, 09



RAQUEL DELEON, 09  
AMANDA DEN HARTOG, 09  
NICHOLE DEN HARTOG, 11  
AMANDA DEWEY, 09  
NICOLE DIGIACOMO, 09  
JAKE DILLON, 11

MICHAEL DOBIN, 11  
TIM DOBIN, 10  
ERICA DOUGLAS, 09



MELISSA DUFFY, 10  
NAOMI DUNCIL, 09  
BRANDON DUNN, 11



MARYLYNN DUSZYNSKI, 10  
CRYSTAL DZIADON, 11  
JEREMY EASTEP, 11



KYLE EASTLING, 11  
GREG ELBAOR, 09  
MATTHEW ELLS, 09



MICHAEL ELLS, 11  
MATTHEW EVANS, 10  
MOLLY FAIRHURST, 09



SCOTT FAIRHURST, 11  
VANESSA FAVELA, 10  
THOMAS FEITKO, 09



BRANDY FLORES, 09  
KELSEY FORTNER, 09  
MICHELLE FOUST, 11



## WHEN WORK IS NEVER DONE

By Hollie Moore

Some students worked nearly full time or part-time during the school year, which made it hard to get everything else done. Throw in going to school all day and the mixture tended to get a little messy. It wasn't easy for students that worked during the school year to be able to hold down a job and keep up with their schoolwork.

"It's really hard to know you have to go to work, just to come home to a bunch of homework. And all you want to do is sleep," said Samantha DeGroot. Some kids worked schedules that didn't allow for much social time with their friends. Some students started work between 3:00 and 5:00 and worked until or even later, in some cases from 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. They worked hard for the money they needed for when they actually got a night off to spend time with their friends just hanging out. But by then, they sometimes were too tired to do anything, or they had to finish up the stuff they put off the rest of the week. The work was never done.



### SERVING WITH A SMILE

"Even though I only work four days a week, I enjoy working with my friends and becoming closer to our guests," Sara Kerrick said. "During my free time, with the money I make from work, I go out and have fun with my boyfriend and friends," Kerrick added.



CRYSTAL FRAZE, 10  
MARK GARDNER, 09  
NICK GARLING, 09  
JONATHAN GASIOR, 09  
MELISSA GATES, 10  
SARAH GERACI, 09



CHRISTINA GIBSON, 09  
KAYLA GILLIAM, 09  
STEPHEN GOFF, 10  
SAMANIHA GOLD, 10  
JENNIFER GONSIOROWSKI, 09  
SARA GONSIOROWSKI, 11



SCOTT GORNY, 11  
MEGAN GRASKI, 09  
MICKEY GRASKI, 11  
CHRIS GRANGER, 09  
ERIC GROSS, 10  
LANA GÜMBEL, 10



JOHN GURGEL, 09  
AMBER GYSELINCK, 09  
MATT HAAG, 09  
JUNE HAAKE, 10  
MARHTA HACKETT, 10  
DAVID HAGY, 09



SAMANTHA HALL, 11  
NOAH HAMBURN, 09  
JESSICA HAMMONS, 11  
JACOB HASSELGREN, 09  
JOSHUA HASSELGREN, 10  
RACHAEL HEGG, 10



NATHAN HELLER, 09  
DOUG HELTON, 11  
VINCE HERNANDEZ, 09  
JACKIE HIGGINBOTHAM, 09  
DANIELLE HILL, 10  
JEFF HOMANS, 10



LARA HORON, 11  
LAWRENCE HORON, 11  
ERIC HOWE, 11  
NAIHAN HOYLE, 11  
MEGAN HRYNIOWIECKI, 10  
KELLY HUDAK, 11

SARAH HUFFER, 09  
AMBER HUGHES, 10  
JAKE HUPPENTHAL, 09  
BRITANY IRWIN, 11  
COURTNEY IRWIN, 09  
NATHAN JACKSON, 09



SARAH JACKSON, 11  
MINDY JAGER, 11  
CHRISTINA JAIMES, 09  
ALEXIS JAMES, 10  
FRANK JAMES, 11  
JASMINE JAMES, 09



JENNIFER JAMES, 09  
FELICIA JANIK, 10  
CODY JENKINS, 10  
CHRISTOPHER JILLSON, 10  
PAMELA JOHNSON, 11  
TOM JOHNSON, 09



ALLISON JORGES, 10  
JOSEPH JUSTAK, 10  
LAUREN KAPER, 11  
NOVJOT KAUR, 09  
RICKY KEATON, 10  
KELSEY KEILMAN, 10



MARK KELLER, 11  
KELLY KERRICK, 10  
SARA KERRICK, 11  
ALLEN KEWITZ, 11  
BILLY KEWITZ, 09  
JACOB KINT, 10



JON KINT, 10  
JANNY KLEINE, 10  
KEITH KLEINE, 10  
NICK KOLLAK, 09  
CALEB KORTOKRAX, 10  
DAVID KOZAK, 10



MATTHEW KOZLOWSKI, 09  
SCOTT KRAGER, 09  
JEREMY KROLL, 10  
ARTHUR KRUEGER, 11  
THOMAS KRUEGER, 09  
MICHAEL KUBIK, 11





#### COLOR AND TREES

The object of the assignment was for the students to take a photograph and enlarge it using only three colors. Amanda Dewey chose the color fuchsia to complete her picture.

## A BLENDING OF TRIAL AND ERROR

By April Barnes

The best of the best were chosen to attend an all-expense paid art class offered through the Northwest Indiana Art Association. Some students wanted to focus on developing realistic art talents, while others wanted to focus on more cartoon style artwork. Then there were a few who really didn't care what style they studied. They were pretty much open to trying any new style thrown at them.

"I tried a lot of new techniques and I liked the way some of them worked out. And now I know new ways to improve my work," Krystina Triemstra said. The first new technique was the challenge of painting a still life consisting of wax fruit, a bowl, an umbrella, and a tablecloth piled around the objects. The tricky part of this task was that the students could only use a paint-brush and permanent ink. Then the students had to go back and use watercolor paints to fill in the ink picture, she noted.

Another new style was how to use and blend oil crayons. "I learned how to try and not do so much detail," Amanda Dewey said. Each student found their own style, but it meant their work relied heavily on trial and error.



ANTHONY KUHNS, 11  
DONALD KWIAKOWSKI, 09  
DONNY LAIL, 11

JESSICA LANGHANS, 10  
KELLY LAPOTA, 11  
JIM LATULIP, 11

STACY LATULIP, 10  
JOSHUA LAWRENCE, 10  
DAVID LEARN, 09

DANNY LEDONNE, 11  
MICHAEL LEDONNE, 09  
BRYAN LINAN, 10

KANDISE LINDLEY, 09  
CHARLES LONGORIA, 10  
BECCA LOVELESS, 10

SHEILA LUCKA, 09  
CRYSTAL LUNDIN, 09  
MICHAEL LUNDIN, 10

WILLIAM LYNCH, 09  
NICHOLAS MADVEK, 11  
KARA MAGGI, 10

CORY MAJKA, 09  
KRISTINA MANCHA, 09  
JASON MANTEL, 10  
DAWN MARCUKAITIS, 09  
STEPHEN MARSH, 11  
TIFFANY MARSH, 10



ALAN MARTENS, 09  
ANDREW MARTIN, 11  
NICK MARTIN, 09  
AMBER MAUL, 11  
JOE McCCLYMONT, 09  
SARA McDONALD, 11



MATTHEW McGOVERN, 10  
PAUL MCKEAGUE, 10  
KEVIN McNAMARA, 09  
RYAN MEEHAN, 09  
ANDREW METZ, 10  
SEAN MITCHELL, 11



DAVID MORAN, 11  
ANDY MULDER, 11  
RACHEL RENAE MUNCY, 09  
SARAH MURILLO, 11  
CHRIS MURPHY, 09  
CRAIG MYERS, 09



FELICIA MYERS, 09  
HOLLY MYSZKOWSKI, 10  
MARK MYSZKOWSKI, 10  
EDWARD Nawrocki, 11  
DANIEL NEAL, 10  
CHRIS NELSON, 09



SUZANNE NIEDERI, 10  
MIRJANA NIKOIC, 09  
JUSTIN NIVEN, 09  
BILLY NORDYKE, 11  
KELLY NORDYKE, 09  
ERIC O'DROBINAK, 11



KELLY O'LONE, 09  
AMY O'ROURKE, 09  
ROBERT OGLE, 09  
CHRISTA OLENIK, 11  
MELISSA OLENIK, 09  
JERRY OPPERMANN, 09





KRISTY OSTROWSKI, 10  
MICHAEL OVERMAN, 11  
ANTHONY PALLOT, 11



MELISSA PALLOT, 09  
MATTHEW PARISO, 11  
AMANDA PARKER, 09



MICHAEL PASTERNAK, 09  
CANDICE PATON, 10  
JOSH PATON, 11



BENJAMIN PAUL, 09  
LARRY PEMPEK, 11  
JOY PENDLETON, 11



ANDREA PEREZ, 10  
DANIEL PETERSON, 11  
JEREMY PETERSON, 11



GEORGE PETROV, 09  
ANTHONY PETTIT, 10  
DAN PISZRO, 09



SCOTT PISZRO, 11  
DANIELLE PLAHTARIC, 10  
SAMANTHA PLANT, 09

## WALLETS SORE AS GAS SOARS

By Sean Mitchell

**A**bout 35 percent of Hanover students drove to school and only about 25 percent of those students had jobs. Others who drove to school and didn't have jobs had sports and other extracurricular activities. For them, filling the gas tank was nearly impossible as prices soared past the \$2 per-gallon mark in May. That forced more students to catch a ride with a friend who could either afford the gas or had parents that subsidized their transportation.

By late May, the lowest price in the Lake County area was \$2.08 a gallon for regular self-service. Mid-range and premium self-service skyrocketed to a range of \$2.30 to \$2.65 per gallon. That wasn't bad compared to the reported \$2.95 just across the border in Illinois.

"Gas is a rip-off, but people have to buy it. Cedar Lake and other small towns get screwed over twice as hard because we have no other transportation like a bus or train. We can't even afford sidewalks. My advice is get a moped because they are cheap, dependable, and get about 40 miles to the gallon. ...I think the gas prices are ridiculous. It is expensive for students who live in St. John to drive to school because the gas goes by so fast," said one student who wished to remain anonymous.



**PUMPING UP**  
Evelyn Gyselnick pumps gas for her mother at Casey's General Store while the numbers climb higher. High prices forced more students to carpool or get rides from parents.

### QUICK CHANGE

On May 20, Casey's General Store offered regular for \$2.04, but the prices even fluctuated several times in one day. At one point, self-service regular reached \$2.17 per gallon, with some experts predicting prices could go as high as \$3 in the summer.



# 'SEEKING' A LITTLE MORE FUN

By April Barnes

**O**kay, it's Thursday night and you can't find any of your friends. Where could they all be? If your friend was part of the HC All-stars, then you'd find them at Seekers Coffee House where every Thursday night was Karaoke Night. There were always different groups that hung out each week, but one group stood out more than the others—the HC All-Stars.

The HC All-Stars were comprised of students from various grade levels. Sometimes even alumni were heard singing with the group. The HC All-Stars consisted of Brian Gley, Greg Sears, Lauren Ward, Matt Allen, Andi Trock, Jason Strode, Amy Braner, and Matt Allen. Some were in one of the school choirs, while the others just liked to sing. Some sang really well, while others performed rather interesting interpretations of their songs. Either way, everyone had a good time hanging out with friends and enjoying their favorite coffee, of course.

Some moments will last a lifetime. "My funniest memory was when Matt Allen sang the song, 'Candle in the Wind'. Matt tried to sing in a high pitched voice and it just made the song and performance funnier," Andi Trock said.



## WE'RE TRYING TO STUDY HERE

If you can do anything while the karaoke is going on, then more power to you. Danielle Hill and Martha Hackett study and do their homework while others perform on the stage in front of them.

VAL PLOETZ, 11  
STEPHANIE POTTER, 09  
BRITTANY POTTS, 09



KATIE POZNANSKI, 10  
NICK PRENDERGAST, 11  
LUKE PREVIS, 10



REBECCA PROUD, 09  
JOSEPH PUFAHL, 11  
SCOTT PUFAHL, 09



LISETTE RACHAN, 10  
JOVANA RADLOVIC, 10  
MARIA RADLOVIC, 09



JAKE RADOSEVICH, 11  
PHILIP RAINWATER, 11  
PAUL RAMBO, 10



HEATHER RAY, 09  
JESSICA RAYBURN, 09  
MIKE RAYBURN, 11



ASHLEY READER, 09  
HEATHER REBENACK, 10  
DAVID REDEAGLE, 10





TJ REMEC, 11  
DAVID REYES, 09  
BRITTNEY RIBICKI, 09  
ROBBIE RIBICKI, 10  
KRISTA RICKEY, 10  
ELIZABETH RIZO, 09



JERRY ROEDEL, 09  
BRIDGET ROGERS, 09  
LARRY ROSINKO, 10  
BRANDON ROVAK, 11  
ANDREW RUDZINSKI, 10  
JACOB RUSH, 11



DAN RUTH, 10  
MAGGIE RYAN, 11  
REBECCA SADULA, 11  
SCOTT SALLY, 09  
JESSI SANDERS, 09  
JEREMY SANTEFORT, 09



MATT SANTEFORT, 10  
WESLEY SAVAGE, 11  
JENNIFER SAVICKAS, 09  
JORDON SAWASKA, 10  
JACLYN SAWYER, 11  
JESSICA SAWYER, 09



LINDSAY SCHAUFELE, 11  
TIMOTHY SCHERER, 11  
AARON SCHILLO, 09  
DREW SCHWALM, 09  
KRISTAN SCHWALM, 11  
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Olympic lifting was a hard and obviously strenuous thing to do. The training demands great strength and strong personal dedication to even get through the training process. The competition part was even more difficult than the long days of training for nearly two months that Jake Johnson endured.

"This year was the first time I qualified for Senior Nationals. At this meet there is no age bracket, only weight brackets. All of our Olympic athletes are required to lift at this meet if they plan on going to the Olympic Trials or the Olympics," Johnson said.

"The meet was held from March 12-14." Johnson said. "I lifted on the 12<sup>th</sup> in the 62kg (136.4 lbs) weight class. I placed third, winning two bronze medals. I also tied both American records for the 17 and under men's weight class. The snatch record, which I tied, was 95k (209 lbs.) and missed by one. On my third attempt, I made it. On the clean and jerk, I made all three attempts and beat the record of 122.5kg and tied the 121.5kg record which is still pending."



### IT'S A TIE

In the middle of the snatch, Jake Johnson only has to stand up to complete the lift. This lift tied the 62kg (136 pounds body weight) 17-under American record of 95 kg (209 lbs) for the snatch.



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# SEILS GIVES KIDS A SPORTING CHANCE

By Heather Iwinski • Photos by Phillip Barnes

Dave Sells became the new athletic director in late summer, but he could not have realized the challenges that were ahead. While he said he was a nervous about coming to a new school and working with new kids, added, "The kids at Hanover Central made me feel very welcome. It was easy to adjust to everything new. The kids were very nice and easy to talk to."

Sells said when we was growing up he hated his coaches. They were mean and didn't understand what was going on, so even from a very young age he wanted to be a director of sports to help kids and know how they felt.

He said he wished that he could have more interaction with the kids that way he would get to know more of them and maybe help them out more than what he does now. Sells added he loves his job and wouldn't change it for the world. Kids are his life and he loves helping them out.



## HARD AT WORK

Even though new athletic director David Sells is a very busy man, he still takes time out of his busy schedule to talk to students. "I enjoy helping kids, and this is the best way to do it," Sells said.

## NEW ON THE JOB

Enjoying his job of organizing sports activities and being able to work with great coaches makes this job easier according to Sells. "One of the perks working here for me is seeing all the new building and the nice staff," he said.





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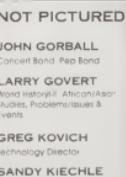
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# BUNDLES OF JOY

Story and Photos by Alain Barnes

The whole staff, and the entire school for that matter, was thrilled to hear that two teachers were expecting. Both Robin Dillon and Suzann Wright were honored together with a baby shower that the staff hosted in December. The presents given to the two women included baby bottle-shaped banks filled with pacifiers, baby combs, rattles, and money that was donated by the faculty, staff, and administration.

The first of the two women due was Wright. "My first reaction was happy and really surprised (about finding out she was pregnant)," Wright said. The excited mother gave birth to a baby girl on December 20. The proud parents named her Megan Margaret.

The second teacher due was Dillon. She named the new addition to her family Clare Isabella, who was born on February 16. "I was happily surprised when I first found out I was pregnant. My other two children, Tyler and Katie, were filled with total excitement when they were told about the new baby," Dillon said.

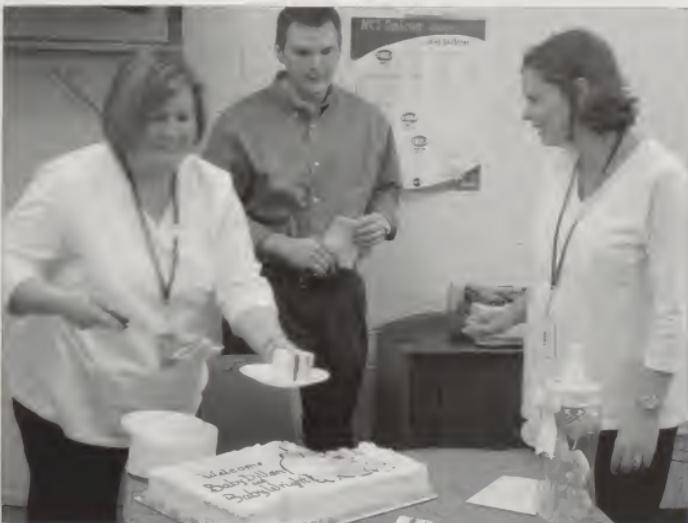


## NEW LITTLE RASCALS

The entire staff chipped in and threw Robin Dillon and Suzann Wright a baby shower. The congratulatory cake was presented to Suzann Wright and Robin Dillon by the whole staff in an effort to welcome the two new editions to their families.

## CAKE FOR ALL

Robin Dillon cuts the cake and Suzann and Brett Wright pass it out to all the teachers. Both women said they were overjoyed about the presents and cake presented by the staff.



#### YOUR ANGEL IS HERE

One of the ways students connected directly with the community was through support of the annual Angel Tree project sponsored by the National Honor Society. Christie Wick and other NHS members fill several trucks to capacity with Christmas gifts for area families.

"When I was your age, candy bars were just a nickel and I had to walk to school uphill 10 miles, barefoot, and in the snow. . . ." Ok, that was back in the day. Times have changed, but the Cedar Lake community continued to support Hanover Central in new ways. From opening their cupboards for the annual food drive to lining the streets for a state champion softball parade to opening their pocketbooks for a \$26 million makeover of the school, they were there for us.



## back

### IN THE DAY

A new focus on community evolved as students ventured into the region to participate in social service activities, career opportunities, and volunteerism. It was a concept that was clearly back for a new day.

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tony Pallot talks with Arlene Jawor, director of community relations for Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana. Pallot was part of a Consumer & Family Sciences class that went back into the community to learn more about services and careers.





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Superintendent of schools, Dr. Michael Livovich, gives special recognition to parents and members of the community for their roles in supporting major renovation of the school. His remarks were delivered during groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Performing Arts auditorium.

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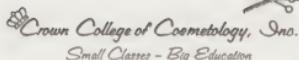
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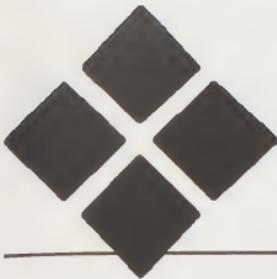


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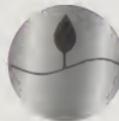
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# state

INDIANA CLASS 2A SOFTBALL

# CHAMPS

**T**hird time was a charm. With losses in the state finals two years in a row, the Lady Wildcats were absolutely perfect in taking the crown on their latest try.

Amanda Wendlinger's perfect game capped the historical season, but it took four straight one-run tourney games to clinch it. After going to a 3-1 count on Clarksville's first batter, the ace pitcher got her out along with the next 20 hitters.

Editor's note: The pictures on this spread represent special moments throughout the tourney. Captions were deleted in order to provide more room for photos.



#### STATE CHAMPIONS

**Front:** Amanda Wendlinger. **Row 2:** Rachel Rebenack, Coach Larry McMillen, Christie Wick, Megan Myers. **Row 3:** Samantha Plant, Danielle Hill, Shannon Phillips, Trisha Sheehy, Krystina Davis, Heather Rebenack. **Back:** Rachel Williams, Jaclyn Kienzle, Jill Sjoerdema, Asst. Coach Jerry Kienzle, Andria Trock, Bess Copak.



### CLOSE AND A CIGAR

An exuberant coach Larry McMillen enjoys a victory cigar after his Lady Wildcats defeated Clarksville, 1-0, in the state championship game.



Photos courtesy of Lisa Koester & Samantha Plant. Thank you very much from The Key staff



# AN END TO THE old SCHOOL

For years, not much seemed to change around the old school building. That all changed as students were greeted with construction of a new entry when the year began. The year ended the same way, but on a much larger scale. Immediately after baccalaureate ceremonies, the auditorium was closed and demolition crews moved in. The public was offered an opportunity to purchase old seats and stage flooring for souvenirs.

No sooner were students out the door on the last day, but earth-moving equipment began ripping out parking lots and sidewalks. Inside, crews marched through the building ripping out all floor and ceiling tiles. It was an unceremonious end to the old school. But when the renovation is completed in 2005, the new facade will beautifully hide the old school within.



## RINGING IN THE NEW

Director John Gorball leads the band at the May groundbreaking ceremonies for the new auditorium. The band also was greeted with cheers for their first-place performance in their spring New York contest.



### EARLY RENOVATION

First semester ended with a fire in Greg Whitacre's social studies classroom. The cause was believed to be a candle left burning. Though the fire forced cancellation of some finals, the room was cleaned and repaired in a few short weeks.

Photo courtesy of the CyberCat staff



### THANK YOU

Marilyn Dema is honored for 20 years of service at the annual district recognition and retirement program in May. As head of maintenance her days started early, but her friendly demeanor was evident all day long, every single day.

### ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTING

Seniors sound off loud and strong in their last Spirit Games. The Class of 2004 continued the senior tradition of winning the Spirit Jug, though it was clear they seemed to have inside knowledge of what to bring for the "scavenger hunt".

# WELCOME

IT'S LITERALLY JUST THE BEGINNING as the new entrance was only Phase 1 of the multimillion dollar renovation. When completed, every classroom will be completely remodeled, and a new cafeteria, auditorium, spectator gym, and fieldhouse will be built. Also included are new parking lots, at least 16 new classrooms, and several all-new athletic fields.



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# 2003-2004 Year In Review



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## National/International News

Terrorism was a constant threat worldwide. Bombings occurred in several Muslim nations with western ties. Flights into the U.S. were periodically canceled. Equipment was installed at airports to conduct instant background checks on visitors to the U.S.



Plans are in place for new construction on the site of the World Trade Center, which was destroyed on 9/11. If built, the Freedom Tower will reach 1,776 feet and become the tallest building in the world.

**STOP!**  
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Nuclear



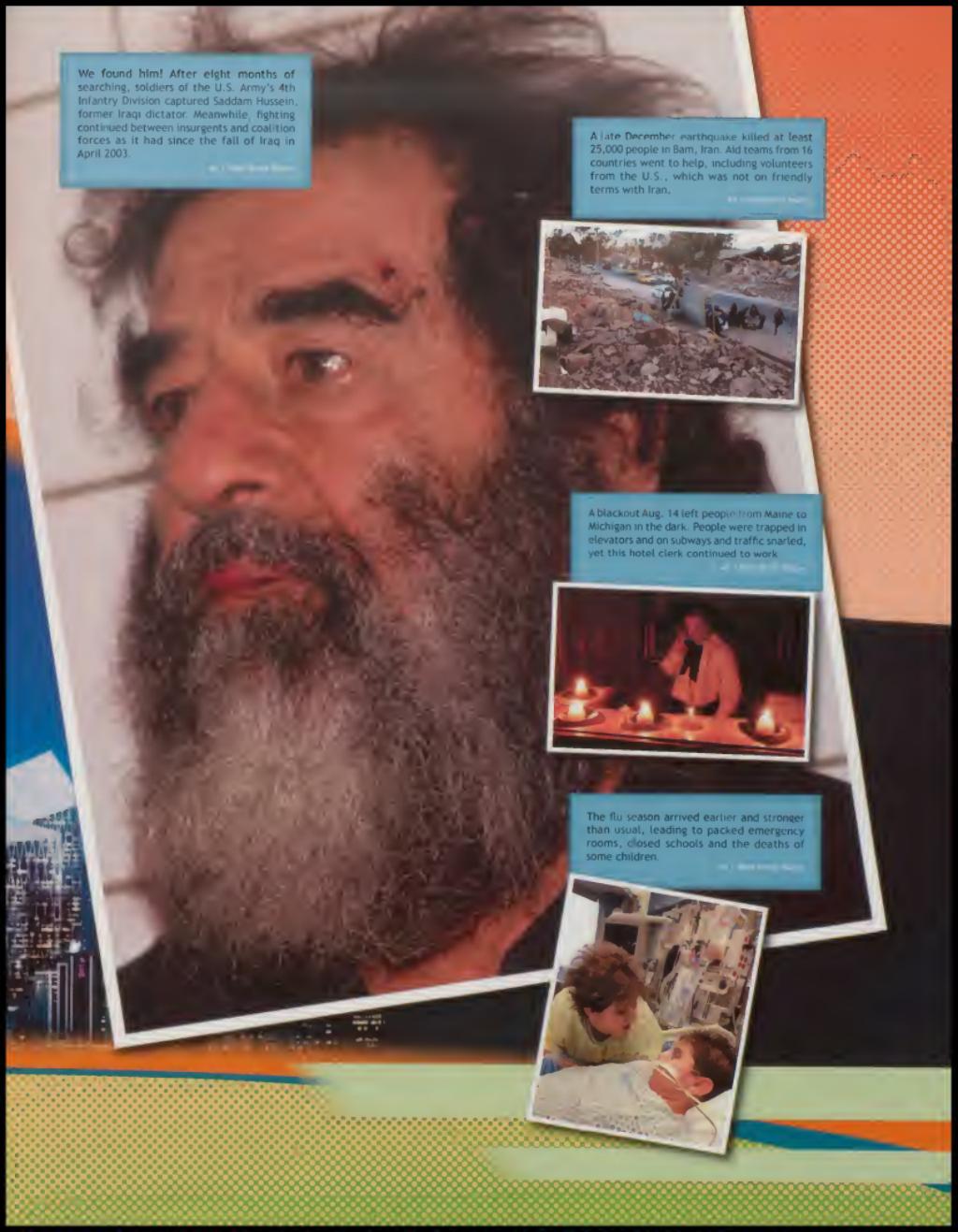
Concerns remained about the development of nuclear weapons by Iran and North Korea. However, Libya agreed to dismantle its nuclear program.



In January, a dangerous cold spell gripped the Northeast. The high demand for electricity led utility companies to warn residents of possible rolling blackouts.



A European heat wave killed more than 14,000 people in late summer. As illness and deaths increased, a crisis developed at French hospitals and funeral homes. French citizens were angered by the slow government response.



We found him! After eight months of searching, soldiers of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division captured Saddam Hussein, former Iraqi dictator. Meanwhile, fighting continued between insurgents and coalition forces as it had since the fall of Iraq in April 2003.

AP Wirephoto

A late December earthquake killed at least 25,000 people in Bam, Iran. Aid teams from 16 countries went to help, including volunteers from the U.S., which was not on friendly terms with Iran.

AP Wirephoto



A blackout Aug. 14 left people from Maine to Michigan in the dark. People were trapped in elevators and on subways and traffic snarled, yet this hotel clerk continued to work.



The flu season arrived earlier and stronger than usual, leading to packed emergency rooms, closed schools and the deaths of some children.

AP Wirephoto



## National/International News



Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Austrian-born body-builder and star of *The Terminator*, *Terminator 2 Judgement Day* and other action movies, unseated unpopular Gov. Gray Davis during an October recall election.



Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, left, became the first presidential candidate ever to use the internet as a fund-raising venue, including a blog to keep in touch with voters.

AP/WIDEWORLD

John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were found guilty in the Washington, D.C. sniper shootings. Meanwhile, at least a dozen shootings similar to those near Washington occurred near Columbus, Ohio.



The nation followed the case of Scott Peterson, who was to be tried in the deaths of his wife, Lacy, and their unborn son. Lacy's disappearance Dec. 24, 2002, sparked a massive search in the Modesto, Calif., area. Both bodies washed up on shore in April 2003.



A magnitude-6.5 earthquake was felt in December from San Francisco to Los Angeles, killing three people and destroying historic buildings in Paso Robles, including the wooden cupola that housed the old two-story clock tower.

AP/WIDEWORLD



Celebrations in Vatican City in October marked the 25th anniversary of the papacy of Pope John Paul II. During the occasion, the 83-year-old pope beatified Mother Teresa, the nun who devoted most of her life to caring for the sick and destitute in Calcutta.

AP Photo/L'Osservatore Romano

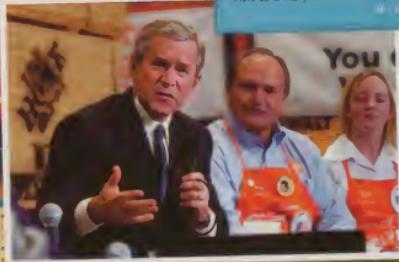
Nations made preparations in case the virus SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) decided to return this winter. SARS, a flu-like illness, began in early 2003 in Asia, where many people wear face masks for protection.



An improving economy in late 2003 sparked hope for the nearly nine million unemployed Americans. President George W. Bush continued to offer reassurance that the economy was picking up, such as during his visit to a Maryland Home Depot store.

More than 20 people died, at least 1,700 people lost their homes and thousands were evacuated as California wildfires roared from the Simi Valley south to San Diego in the fall. Schools closed and airports were shut down.

AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez



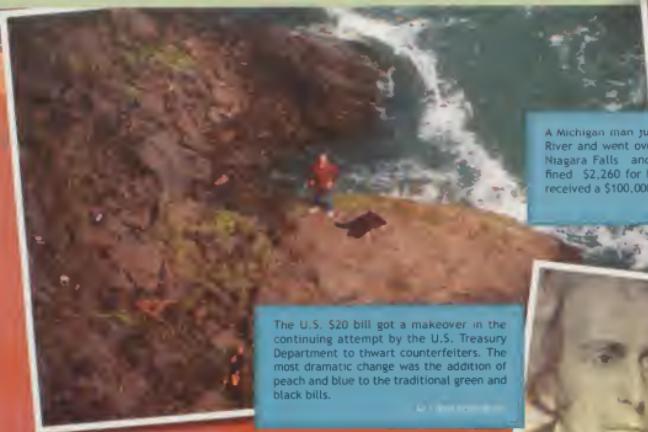
## Signs of the Times

Taking a cue from many states, President George W. Bush signed into law a federal "do not call" list. People can request to be on the list and avoid calls from many telemarketers.

Get your rest before you get behind the wheel in New Jersey. The state has become the first to have a law against drowsy driving. Under the law, a driver who causes a fatal crash can be charged with vehicular homicide if there is evidence the driver was sleepy.

A homesick man thought it would be cheaper to fly himself home as cargo, but officials said he paid about the same as a first-class ticket. Charles McKinley shipped himself in a crate from New York to his parents' home in Dallas in a 15-hour journey that had officials concerned about the lack of security.

## National/International News



A Michigan man jumped into the Niagara River and went over the Canadian side of Niagara Falls and lived. Kirk Jones was fined \$2,260 for his October plunge but received a \$100,000 circus contract.

The U.S. \$20 bill got a makeover in the continuing attempt by the U.S. Treasury Department to thwart counterfeiters. The most dramatic change was the addition of peach and blue to the traditional green and black bills.



Katerina Dmitriev married Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko while she stood at the Johnson Space Center in Houston and he was aboard the International Space Station. A life-size cutout stood in for the groom on the ground.

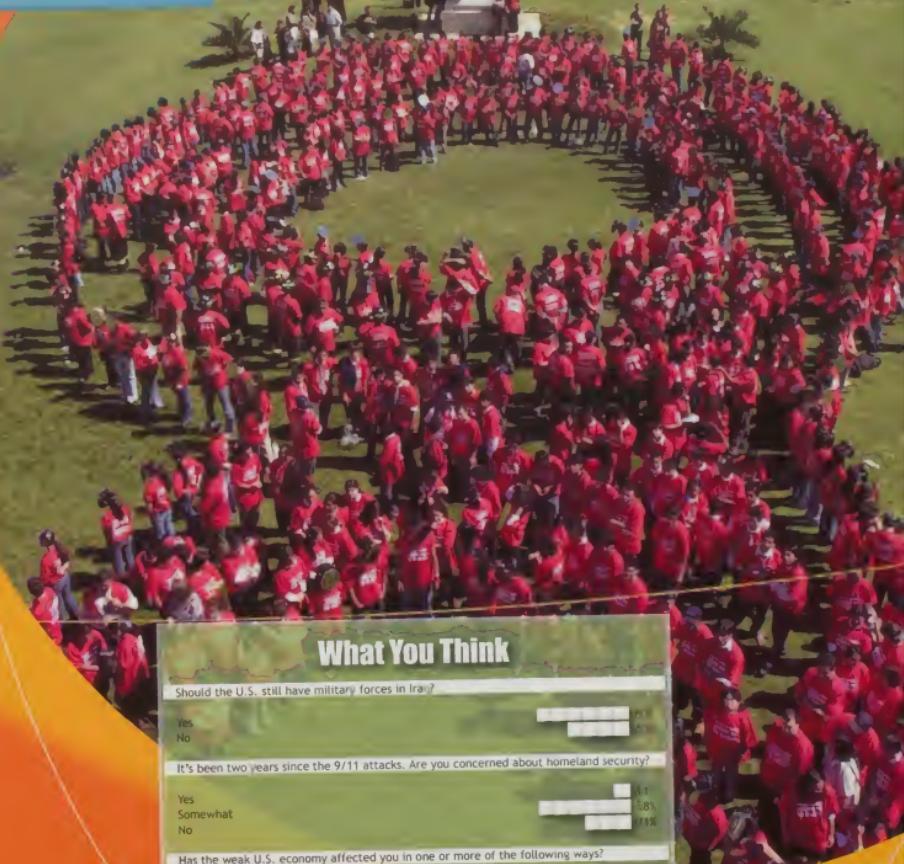


Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from the bench in November for refusing a federal judge's order to remove the Ten Commandments from the Alabama Supreme Court building. Protesters prayed at the site.



The U.S. government insisted our beef supply was safe, despite the first case of mad cow disease reported in Washington state. Several nations banned U.S. beef imports.

Events worldwide marked the 15th annual World AIDS Day Dec. 1. The United Nations agency UNAIDS reported that in 2003, 40 million people worldwide were infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. More than half of those people live in Africa.



## What You Think

Should the U.S. still have military forces in Iraq?

Yes

No



It's been two years since the 9/11 attacks. Are you concerned about homeland security?

Yes

Somewhat

No



Has the weak U.S. economy affected you in one or more of the following ways?

I had trouble finding a summer job.

At least one of my parents lost their job.

With less income coming to our family, I had to find a job to help out.

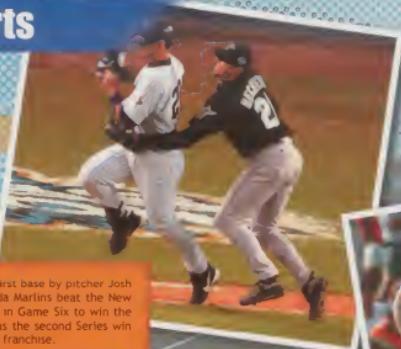
I have felt school budget cuts in the classroom.

Luckily, none of the above.



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# Sports



With a tag out at first base by pitcher Josh Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the New York Yankees, 2-0, in Game Six to win the World Series. It was the second Series win for the 11-year-old franchise.

AP / Wide World Photos



The University of Southern California and Louisiana State University shared the national collegiate football title. Top-ranked USC beat Michigan, 28-14, in the Rose Bowl, and LSU held Oklahoma to a 21-14 Sugar Bowl final. Mixed poll results caused the title sharing.

AP / Wide World Photos

Lance Armstrong is poised to become the first person to win the Tour de France six times, having won his fifth race in 2003. Only four cyclists have won five of the grueling bike races.

AP / Wide World Photos



Huge crowds watched professional golfer Annika Sorenstam of Sweden play in the PGA's Colonial tournament. The first woman to play a PGA tour event in 1983, Sorenstam shot 5 over par and missed the cut.

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Andy Roddick, 21, won his first grand slam title of his career when he captured the men's singles title at the 2003 U.S. Open.

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The WUSA women's soccer league folded five days before the Women's World Cup. The league was unable to sustain its fan base and revenues following its win in the 1999 tournament. Germany won the cup this year.

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Sexual assault charges filed against basketball great Kobe Bryant tarnished his image with fans and sponsors. Bryant earned millions playing for the Los Angeles Lakers, but he started losing endorsements worth millions of dollars.

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NASCAR officials changed the scoring system starting in the 2004 racing season to make the last 10 races a "Chase for the Championship."

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Pete Rose finally admitted it, the former slugger said in his autobiography he gambled on baseball while manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Rose was banned for life from baseball in 1989, making him ineligible for the Baseball Hall of Fame.

AP/Wide World Photos



He graduated from high school one month and was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers the next, dazzling NBA fans. Point guard LeBron James scored 25 points in his first professional game.



Bethany Hamilton returned to surfing despite losing her left arm to a shark. Bethany, 13, began competing again several weeks after the attack.

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D.C. United signed 14-year-old soccer phenom Freddy Adu to a four-year contract. Adu signed with the Major Soccer League of the U.S. after being pursued by several international teams.

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The New England Patriots overcame the Carolina Panthers, 32-29, in Super Bowl XXXVIII, a game that pitted two strong defensive teams. Once the offensive teams got rolling, however, the lead see-sawed until Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who was named MVP, set up the game-winning kick by Adam Vinatieri with four seconds left.

AP/Wide World Photos



## What You Think

What is your favorite professional sport?

- Football
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Hockey



Survey results compiled from responses of more than 1,000 large-screen audience members across the nation.

# Science/Technology



Look for a U.S.-manned moon mission around 2018 as President George W. Bush laid out plans for Americans to go to the moon and Mars. The U.S. explored Mars this year with its Spirit and Opportunity rovers, which sent back spectacular photos of the red planet. One of the rovers is depicted here in a computer simulation.



Investigators deemed a piece of foam insulation that damaged protective outer tiles caused the destruction of the Columbia space shuttle. Safety standards also were blamed, and a NASA reorganization began in light of President Bush's space plans.



The U.S. is not the only nation exploring space. China launched its first manned spaceship for a short flight. A European probe failed to respond after landing on Mars; however, while a European orbiter was successfully circling Mars, a Japanese probe failed to enter orbit.



Advances in wireless communication meant computers were becoming less restrained by wires and cables. Reaching the Internet, printing and file exchanges could all be done with a wireless system.

Asimo, the four-foot robot made by Honda of Japan, made a European tour in 2003, and was the life of the party at a state dinner in Czechoslovakia. Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi brought Asimo, and the robot shook hands, spoke Czech and made a toast.



DNA testing rides to the rescue again, this time to see who is buried in Billy the Kid's grave. Billy the Kid supposedly was shot to death and buried in New Mexico in 1881. But two other men claimed to be the infamous outlaw. Wrangling over exhuming the three bodies has the case tied up in court.



The Can-Spam Act of 2003 was signed by President George W. Bush. The law is an attempt to reduce unwanted email from vendors. New technology also developed to get rid of spam also kept wanted emails from your box.



Innovations in appliances were beginning to reach the market. A new vacuum cleaner roams by itself picking up dirt. And a new oven acts like a refrigerator to keep food cold before turning on the heat to cook the meal.



It is amazing we ever got off the ground. In the re-enactment of the flight of the Wright Brothers 100 years ago, the reproduction of their flying machine never flew, partially due to soggy weather. But the celebration honoring the feat went on in Kill Devil Hills, N.C.



Segway Human Transporters may be drafted. The Pentagon is funding research to see if the two-wheeled scooter could conduct battlefield search missions, carry injured soldiers or haul gear without human control.



Information storage options are getting more portable. USB drives are smaller than a cigarette lighter, and Zyon Systems even makes the Konix Memory Watch with a drive attached to it. You can take your information from one computer to another without straining any muscles or carrying a laptop computer.



The world's first cloned horse was born, but the new twist was that the horse was a clone of its mother. This makes the colt and its mother twins.

## What You Think

Are you buying self-destructable DVDs to watch movies so you can throw them away when you are done and not have to worry about returning them?

Yes

No



Do you own a picture-taking cell phone?

Yes

No



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# Entertainment



OutKast, a group formed by Andre 3000 and Big Boi, hit it big with *Hey Ya!* from the Grammy-winning Album of the Year, *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*. Beyoncé Knowles captured four awards from the Billboard Music Awards, including new female artist of the year, and five Grammys.



The *Lord of the Rings* trilogy came full circle with the release of the final film, *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* Dec. 17. The film earned The Golden Globe for Best Picture, and 11 Academy Award nominations.



The show must go on. With the death of John Ritter, producers for the T.V. show, *8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter*, brought in James Garner and Suzanne Pleshette to play grandparents as the family struggled through the main character's death.



intrigue, murder, suspense — author Dan Brown gave it all to his readers in *The Da Vinci Code*, a thriller that started in the Louvre museum in Paris and traveled across Europe and history.



*Friends* ended its 10-year, highly rated run on NBC in May. Of the six stars, only Matt LeBlanc will be continuing his role as Joey in a spin-off next season.



Among Emmy winners were *Everybody Loves Raymond* for Outstanding Comedy Series, *The West Wing* for Outstanding Drama Series, and *The Amazing Race* for Outstanding Reality/Competition Program.



Religion became a television show theme again on CBS with *Joan of Arcadia*, in which God appears to an ordinary high school girl. In this photo, God is the lineman above Joan.



Alan Jackson was named Entertainer of the Year and top Male Vocalist at the 2003 Country Music Awards, while Martina McBride nabbed the Female Vocalist honors.



A 14-year-old California girl devised one of the games used on *Survivor: Pearl Islands*. Kylie Cusick did not know her word scramble was chosen until she saw it on the air.



The fifth Harry Potter book was a pain for some children to read. The content of the 870-page *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* was not a problem; however, some younger readers enjoyed the book so much they got headaches and strained necks.



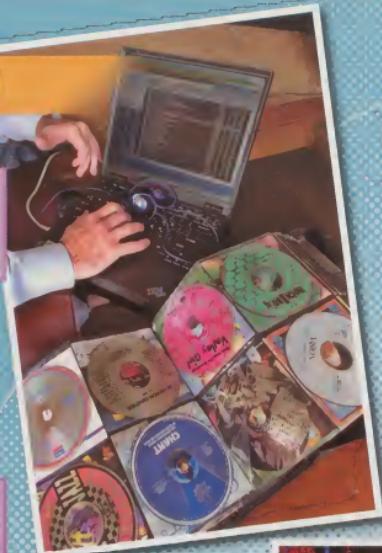
Britney Spears' new album, *in the Zone*, debuted at the No. 1 spot, making her the first female artist to debut four albums in a row at the top of the charts. But Spears and Madonna got more notice at the 2003 MTV Music Awards for their infamous kiss. And Spears got media attention of her 55-hour marriage to childhood friend Jason Allen Alexander.

# Entertainment

The Recording Industry Association of America escalated its battle against illegal downloading and file-sharing by filing lawsuits against people, mainly college students, who swap massive amounts of music.



A large number of celebrity deaths occurred in 2003. Among the notables were entertainer Bob Hope, singers Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, announcer Rod Roddy of T.V.'s *The Price is Right*, and Keiko the killer whale from the *Free Willy* movies. Bob Keeshan, a.k.a. Captain Kangaroo, passed away in early 2004.



The media frenzy about "Bennifer"—Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez—ended when the couple, who had been together for 18 months, broke off their engagement in January.



Singers Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey turned their newlywed status into a hit MTV show, *Newlyweds*. Simpson is lovable as the "dumb blonde," who in one episode questioned whether Chicken of the Sea was chicken or tuna.



The 15 cooks at Holdingford, Minn., School District and one janitor won a \$95 million Powerball in October. After winning, they all went to work and fed the students before going to the state lottery office to claim their winnings.



One of the biggest weddings of the year, in terms of money spent, was the marriage of Bachelorette Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter. ABC spent more than \$1 million on the nuptials, which were seen by 17 million viewers. Trista and Ryan were also paid \$1 million after the ceremony.



Pop sensation Michael Jackson was charged with child molestation in alleged incidents at his Neverland Ranch. Jackson denied the charges, while family, friends and fans came to his defense. Similar accusations arose in 1993, but no charges were filed in that case.



Pixar's *Finding Nemo*, was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. In interesting plot twists this year, *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, starring Johnny Depp, and the *Haunted Mansion*, starring Eddie Murphy, were movies based on Disney theme park rides.

Praise and worship albums were evolving, reaching more of a mainstream sound with songs from bands such as Third Day and Mercy Me. *I Can Only Imagine* by Mercy Me reached some secular air waves in the process.



Lang Lang, 21, who came to the U.S. from China about six years ago, has made a name for himself in concert as a classical pianist with flair.

## What You Think

Who was your favorite musical artist in 2003?

- 50 Cent
- Linkin Park
- OutKast
- Good Charlotte
- Kenny Chesney



Bob Guiney of *The Bachelor* picked Estella Gardiner. Was she the right choice?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Care



Bob Guiney from *The Bachelor* 4, chose Estella Gardiner in November. By the end of December the pair parted company.



Whose reality is it? In the new Fox Network reality television show, *The Simple Life*, Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie moved in with the Ledlings, an Arkansas farm family. The show poked fun at the wealthy pair as they tried to fit in a world far from their reality.

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# Trends



Flash mobs were a phenomenon that developed from cell phone text messaging. With one text message, you could tell everyone you know to meet at the same place at the same time — say, 2 p.m., Saturday on Main Street—and do something attention-getting — like a Tarzan yell for 30 seconds — then leave.



Style trends included monogrammed clothing; chandelier earrings; and trucker hats, like those worn by actor Ashton Kutcher; and hoodies.



Soda wars bubbled up in schools amid complaints that soft drinks are unhealthy for children. Some districts removed pop machines while others reduced the hours of availability. The decision about what to do was not easy, as some districts needed the revenue from the machines.

One phone number for life? You can keep your cell phone number when changing companies, and make your home and cell number the same. Camera phones also were popular, but some countries banned them over invasion of privacy concerns.

Some slang words gained status. McJob — a low-paying job requiring little skill — entered the newest Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, along with McDonald's officials. The newest Oxford Dictionary of English included muggle, bootylicious, boy bands and girl bands.



Studies showed that smoking among high school students had dropped and remained about the same for middle school students. However, tanning beds remain popular with teens despite the risk of skin cancer.

So what is pizza? The U.S. Department of Agriculture says pizza does not need crust, sauce or cheese to be labeled as pizza for sale in grocery stores. USDA also said "pizza with meat" products only have to have 2 to 3 percent meat instead of 12 to 15 percent.

## What You Think

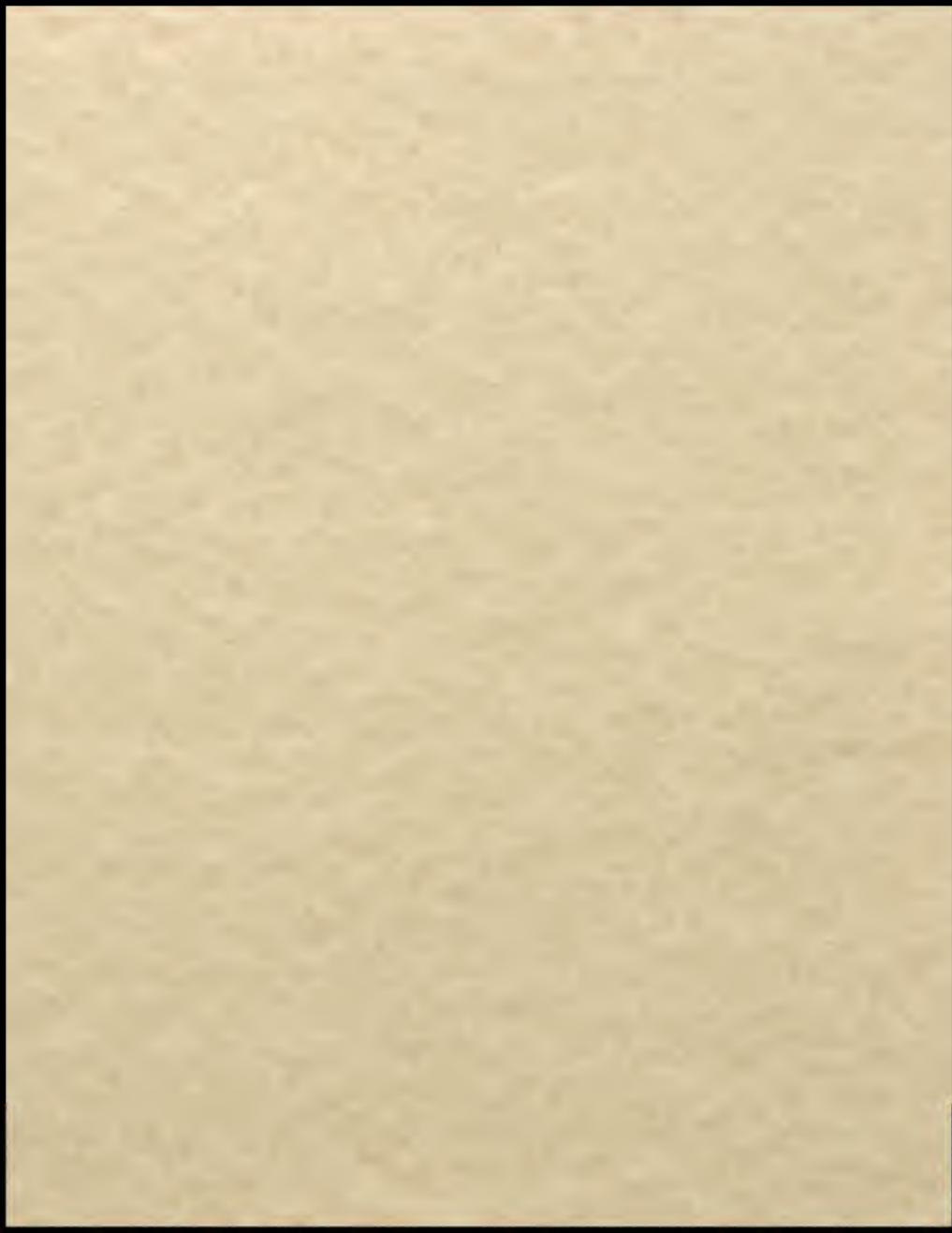
What is the trendiest new clothing/accessory item this year?

- Monogrammed clothing 39%
- Scarves 17%
- Hoodies 10%
- Thongs 9%
- Trucker hats

Who pays for the date?

- Him 66%
- Her 4%
- Both 30%

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